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PREFACE.

THE method of teaching reading embodied in this book is an outgrowth of the author's profound dissatisfaction with the results of the word method.

The latter method, while it possesses the undisputed merit of leading to facility in thought gathering during the first stage of the work, proves slow and cumbrous afterward, fails to excite the child to effort, furnishes him with but a scanty vocabulary, and finally sends him out of school unprovided with a key by means of which, without further assistance, he may gain access to the treasures of the language.

The RATIONAL METHOD is a peculiar combination of the word and phonetic methods. It utilizes each for that part of the work to which it is especially adapted. The word method is used, first as principal, because of its value in developing a habit of reading thoughtfully, and afterward as auxiliary, to remedy the shortcomings of the phonetic method, and increase the stock of word phonograms. The phonetic method, which is introduced by easy stages during the ascendency of the word method, finally becomes the principal means of growth and progress. It imparts power, while it supplies the key which the word method is inadequate to give.

The aims of the RATIONAL METHOD are: —

1. To make the child not only independent in his reading, but generally self-reliant.

2. To enable him to read a vastly greater amount than heretofore in a given time, and thus acquire not only a fuller vocabulary, but greater maturity of mind.

3. To put him into possession, during the first year and a half of school life, of a complete key to the language, so that, no matter how soon thereafter his schooling may cease, his ability to read will be assured.

The following are the leading features of the phonetic part of the work: —

1. The presentation of the sounds and their symbols (phonograms) in a rational order; that is, an order in which the easier precede the harder. The easiest sounds to use in phonetic reading are those that may be indefinitely prolonged, and the blending of which in words may therefore be most readily shown and perceived. These sounds, the RATIONAL METHOD deals with first.

2. **The teaching of an INITIAL STOCK of phonograms before any phonetic reading is done.** This makes provision whereby, when such reading has once been commenced, it may be carried on continuously and with sufficient wealth and variety of material.

3. **The training of the ear in the perception of phonetic blends, before phonetic reading is begun.** The teacher accomplishes this by pronouncing words sound by sound, and requiring the children to determine, in each case, the word so pronounced.

4. **An extensive and systematic use of word-phonograms and other compound phonograms.** The difficulty the child experiences in determining a new word, is, in general, directly proportional to the number of parts he has to recognize in it. By the use, then, of compound phonograms, which, being taught as wholes, are no harder to recognize than simple ones, hundreds of long and hard words are practically transformed into short and easy ones. Thus, the word *lightning*, which the child learning by this method reads, *l ight n ing*, he finds no more difficult than the short word *left*, in which also he has to recognize and put together four separate sounds.

5. **A careful grading of the phonetic words introduced.** The first phonetic words presented contain but two phonograms each, the next but three, and so on.

6. **The gradual introduction of phonetic words into the sentence reading.** At first but one such word is used to a sentence. This prevents the phonetic work from offering any serious impediment to the thought getting. As the child's perception of the blend becomes quicker and clearer, the proportion of phonetic words is constantly increased. Finally, when this perception has become automatic, or nearly so, the reading is made almost wholly phonetic.

7. **Separate daily drills in the recognition of the individual phonograms and the reading of single phonetic words.** The purpose of these is to cultivate expertness. No other part of the work exceeds them in importance; as without them, the average child would never acquire sufficient facility in sound or word recognition, to make successful phonetic reading a possibility.

Those who undertake this method will need: —

1. To follow *implicitly* the directions laid down in the Manual.
2. To do their work with great thoroughness.
3. To hold expectation in check for awhile, and exercise patience, — looking for brilliant results only after the foundations have been laid broad and deep. In the numerous schools that have already attracted public attention by their wonderful success with this method, more ground has invariably been covered during the last five weeks of the first term than during the preceding fifteen.

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS EMPLOYED.

Phonogram. A written or printed representation of a sound, either simple or compound.

EXAMPLES: f, s, l, ing, ight.

Sight word. A word that has been taught as a whole, and is therefore recognized by sight alone.

Phonetic word. A word to be read by means of its phonograms.

Sight reading. The reading of sight words either singly or in sentences.

Phonetic reading. The reading of phonetic words either singly or in sentences.

Simple phonogram. A phonogram containing but one letter.

EXAMPLES: s̲, ī, ŏ.

(Excepting ī, which represents a union of the sounds of ä and ē, the simple phonograms stand for one sound each.)

Compound phonogram. A phonogram containing more than one letter.

EXAMPLES: ing, ight, ip, un, ness.

(Every compound phonogram represents a compound sound, which, however, is taught as a unit.)

Word phonogram. A sight word used as a phonogram in the representation of a longer word.

EXAMPLES: old in f̲o̲l̲d̲, ail in s̲a̲i̲l̲, an in m̲a̲n̲.

(Word phonograms are really, of course, compound phonograms, but, for the sake of convenience, the term "compound phonogram" is restricted to combinations that are not words.)

Blend. The union or combination of sounds, simple, compound, or both, to form words.

I.

FIRST HALF-YEAR'S WORK. — FIRST STAGE.

(TIME, ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS.*)

SIGHT-READING FROM THE BLACKBOARD AND PREPARATION FOR PHONETIC READING.

Three lines of work are to be separately practiced every day: —

1. Sight-reading.
2. Drill on Phonograms.
3. Ear-training.

1. The Sight-reading.

Commence with the blackboard, using script characters only, and teach the following list of sight-words comprising the full vocabulary for Part I. of the Primer: —

a, again, ail, all, am, an, and, any, apple, are, at, boy, bread, can, come, cow, day, do, does, dog, drink, eat, egg, for, Frank, fruit, full, girl, give, go, good, has, have, he, her, here, him, home, how, I, ill, in, is, it, Jack, let, like, look, make, me, milk, much, no, not, of, old, out, picture, play, see, she, some, stay, take, tell, that, the, them, there, they, to, too, us, want, water, we, well, what, where, will, with, yes, you.

* In Brooklyn, some teachers accomplish this stage of the work in six weeks, while a few require as much as ten weeks.

Use the words in sentences from the very beginning. Construct your own sentences and make plenty of them, but make them *very short.* As far as possible, work them up in conversation or story style, several in succession relating to one topic. Do not use the sentences found in the book; and, the better to avoid doing so, work up the words in a somewhat different order from that in which they are presented in the book.

Never let *a single scholar* read a sentence until he is ready to do so without a break. At the very first symptom of hesitation or a halt, stop the pupil, and tell him he must not read until he has his sentence all ready While he is getting it ready, he must have the privilege of asking (by number is the best way) for any word that he does not know. This mode of procedure, involving, as it does, constant waiting, seems to the inexperienced teacher most wasteful of time; but those whose experience is riper, well know that the facility it brings toward the latter part of the term makes up many times over for the time apparently lost at the beginning. Do not fall into the common error when the children show a disposition to hesitate, of telling them to hurry. You do not wish them to *hurry;* you simply wish them to read in a *natural* manner *without breaks.*

As to expression: — When a child reads without expression, draw it from him if possible, by questions or remarks on the subject-matter of the sentence. Failing in this, read the sentence properly for him, and require him to read it after you. The statement of the theorists that if the child recognizes the words readily, the expression will take care of itself, is arrant nonsense, as every practical teacher of little ones knows. With a class that is particularly unresponsive in this matter, it is often a good thing in the models you set, to exaggerate somewhat in both emphasis and inflection.

The scholars should be taught to recognize the *s* and *ing* forms of the words just as they do the simpler forms. This recognition may be easily brought about in the following manner: —

When half-a-dozen singular nouns and three or four simple verbs have been learned, write any convenient one of said words on the blackboard, and have the pupils tell what it is. Then add to it an *s*, and tell *them* what it *now* is. Next write another of the words, have it read as before, and add the *s*; but now, instead of telling the *scholars* what the word has become, ask *them* to tell *you.* Continue this process until they distinguish without

difficulty between the simple and the *s* form of every familiar word. Then teach them in the same manner to recognize the form that ends in *ing* and afterward the one that ends in *ings*.

Avoid until near the end of the work words like *goes*, *making*, etc., in which the change to the *s* or *ing* form involves the addition or the elision of an *e*.

2. The Drill on Phonograms.

This is a preparation for phonetic reading. To be effective, it must be thorough. The material used is the Initial Stock of phonograms, comprising those employed in the first phonetic reading, which are *f*, *l*, *m*, *n*, *r*, *s*, — *ā*, *ē*, *ō*, — *ing*, *ings*, *ight*, and *ights*. That the preparation for the phonetic reading may be adequate, the drill on this stock must begin when the first blackboard work begins and continue without intermission until Part. I. of the book has been read.

The following method is recommended: —

Begin with *f*. Write it on the blackboard, and tell the children what it is. Give sound, not name. (No letter *names* are to be taught during the first half-year.) Have them practice it a little while, then leave it. Many times during the day, ask them unexpectedly what it is. Next day teach *l* in the same manner. Now for two or three days, keep both characters on the board, changing their relative positions from time to time, or writing a number of each and mixing them irregularly, and have frequent short drills on them. Next teach *m* in the same manner, and drill similarly for a day or two on all three. Continue in this way until you have taught from four to six of the phonograms, and thereafter use Set I. of the phonetic cards (script side only) for your drills, instead of the blackboard.

In using the cards, proceed as follows: —

Stand in one of the front corners of the room where every member of the class can see distinctly, holding in your hand the cards for all the phonograms thus far learned. Taking the scholars in order, show each a phonogram. If he does not name it *instantly* (interpret this word literally), call out *tell*, and have the others prompt him. This will cause *every child* to study *every phonogram*, and will greatly increase the effectiveness of the drill. If the proper rate of speed is maintained, you will "go round" a

class of fifty in two or three minutes. It will probably be sufficient to do this two or three times each day. At first most of the scholars will miss. Pay no attention to this. Above all, find no fault with it. In a few days you will note a decided improvement. Finally, most of the scholars will be able to name any of the single phonograms without hesitation. This is what they *must* be able to do before they can read by means of these characters. Aside from this, the ability to concentrate their attention quickly, which this simple exercise, persevered in, will give your pupils, will be of great value both to you and to them in more than one direction.

Three cautions are necessary to complete this part of the subject: First, Never attempt to teach a phonogram until you are absolutely sure that you know how to pronounce it yourself. (Directions for the pronunciation of the more difficult phonograms in the Initial Stock will be found over Phonetic List No. 1.) Second, Never teach a new phonogram until all those previously presented have been thoroughly learned. Third, Never accept from your scholars anything but the *exact* pronunciation of any phonogram.

3. The Ear-training.

This, like the teaching of the phonograms, is a preparation for phonetic reading. Like the latter, also, it should begin at the very commencement of the term and be practiced daily. With brisk work, five minutes a day should suffice for it.

Conduct the exercise as follows:—

Tell a little story introducing every here and there a word from Phonetic List No. 1. Give the phonetic words *by their sounds*, not as wholes, uttering the successive sounds rapidly but *separately*, thus:—

f o͟l͟d, n a͟i͟l, s āɣ, s ō, etc.

Let the scholars, in every case, tell the word as soon as you have thus pronounced it. Whenever they fail to recognize the word, repeat it for them, this time running the sounds together, but greatly prolonging every sound except the last, so that it may be distinctly heard. As a matter of economy, you may, whenever your scholars are sufficiently interested to justify you in so doing, dispense with the story-work in this exercise and use the single phonetic words only.

II.

FIRST HALF-YEAR'S WORK. — SECOND STAGE.

(TIME, ABOUT THREE WEEKS.)

SIGHT READING FROM THE PRIMER, PART I., AND FURTHER PREPARATION FOR PHONETIC READING.

Three lines of work are to be *separately* practiced *every day:* —

1. Sight-reading from the Primer, Part I.
2. Drill on the Phonograms.
3. Drill on the Blend.

1. The Book-reading.

The words in Part I. of the book having been thoroughly taught and read in blackboard sentences, the book itself next comes into use. The book-reading will now, of course, be the main reading-work of the day, the other exercises being, as before, auxiliary and preparatory to the Phonetic Reading.

The transition from script to print will be found an easy one, very little intermediate work being required. The following is perhaps as good a method of bridging the gap between blackboard and book as any: —

The teacher begins by placing upon the blackboard, in both script and print, a number of short sentences from the reader, the print under the script, thus, —

I see you. *Do you see?* *See me eat.*

I see you. Do you see? See me eat.

and requiring the children in the case of each sentence, to read first the

script and then the print. After they have done this, she erases and requires them to read the print by itself.

When reasonable success has been attained in this way, she reverses the process by placing sentences as before on the blackboard in both script and print, the former now under the latter, thus, —

Do I see well? Look at me, Jack.

Do I see well? Look at me, Jack.

and requiring the children to read *only the print,* using the script for reference when necessary.

She next writes sentences as above, the script under the print, and, covering the script, requires the children to read the print, uncovering the script only as it becomes necessary to do so. When the children have attained such proficiency in reading the print that they seldom need to see the script, they are ready for the book.

Another good method is the following: —

The teacher begins by placing upon the board, in print only, any convenient short sentence, say, for instance, —

Do you see me?

She then *writes,* at some distance from the sentence, the word *see,* and, after the scholars have pronounced it, requires them to find it in the sentence. This having been done, she treats *Do* in the same way, then *me,* then *you;* taking the words in an irregular order. When all the words have thus been discovered, she requires some scholar to read the sentence as a whole.

This operation is repeated again and again with other sentences until the scholars read blackboard print pretty well.

The teacher next directs the attention of the children to some convenient sentence in the book, and *writes* its words one at a time on the blackboard, having each pronounced as it is written, and then found in the book sentence, which, when all of its words have been thus determined, is read as a whole.

Either or both of the foregoing methods may be used to whatever extent may be found necessary, not only as a preliminary to the *first* book reading,

but as a preparation for successive book lessons after the first. If, however, the sight words have been thoroughly taught in script, the scholars should read print as freely as they do script, within a week of the commencement, and should complete Part I. of the book within three or, at most, four weeks.

2. The Drill on the Phonograms.

This will proceed as before, the cards being the means employed; but now the print side will be used as well as the script side. As the knowledge of the single phonograms is the foundation of all the phonetic reading, and as the ability to utter the phonograms of a word in *quick succession* is absolutely essential to perception of the blend, too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of thoroughly following the directions already given for this exercise. (See pages 8 and 9.)

3. The Drill on the Blend.

This consists in the reading of single phonetic words. It combines practice on the individual phonograms, with the ear-training prescribed for the "First Stage" of the work, separate oral exercises for the latter, from this point on, being no longer used. The material employed is found in Phonetic List No. 1, which is arranged in sections according to the difficulty of the words presented. Section B should not be used until the scholars can readily read words from section A; section C, until they can readily read words from section B, and so on.

The following is the best method of procedure: —

The teacher at the beginning writes upon the blackboard some word from section A, — let us say *fat*. She covers the *at*, and, pointing to the *f*, asks the scholars to tell what it is (sound). She then covers the *f* and asks what the *at* is. Finally she uncovers the whole word and asks the scholars to put the two sounds together, and tell what word they make. If they cannot do this, she herself tells, making the *f*, when she pronounces the word, long and prominent. She then uses in the same way the other *at* words, — *mat, Nat, rat,* and *sat,* — and then words of other series.

As soon as the scholars have acquired sufficient ability to read words in *this* way, the teacher ceases to present them in series, but takes them hence-

forth irregularly. She ceases, also, to assist the pupils by covering first one phonogram and then the other.

After the first few days of blend-work, from thirty to fifty single words from Phonetic List No. 1 should be read by the scholars from the blackboard every day, until Part I. of the book is read through. And for the encouragement of the weaker scholars, the first of these words, as well as every second or third word thereafter, should be an *extremely easy one* that all who will try can get. This is a very important point. A glimmer of light here and there will keep the dull scholars trying; while persistent discouragement will ultimately kill all desire to try. The teacher should ever keep it in mind that the object is not to have the words memorized, but to give the scholars ability to *read* them by their phonograms. As there are but about 220 words in all in Phonetic List No. 1, the words given after the first few days will involve many repetitions of words previously given; but, if the words are always, as they should be, selected at random, there will be no memorizing of them as wholes to speak of, and therefore no interference with the *phonetic* reading.

No less work than the amount prescribed above will do. Perception of the blend comes slowly to many scholars; but when it does come, it comes to stay. Practice will make them perfect; *nothing else* will.

The exercise must be so conducted that every scholar is constantly hoping to get the next word. This will cause every one to attend closely throughout, and get the full benefit of the lesson; whereas a method that leads the scholar to look for his turn, and nothing else, will, most likely, be barren of results.

One most important direction remains to be given. If the phonograms are well learned, there will be a strong tendency among the pupils, the moment a phonetic word is presented, to whisper the sounds to themselves. The buzzing thus produced *must not be checked.* It is not disorder. It is the only means by which beginners of average ability can get at the words. For several months they cannot carry the sounds mentally so as to get the blend. They must actually hear them. The unwillingness of teachers with wrong ideas of discipline to permit this perfectly natural process to go on, is one among several reasons why phonetic reading has hitherto generally proved a failure.

III.

FIRST HALF-YEAR'S WORK. — THIRD STAGE.

(TIME, ABOUT NINE WEEKS.)

COMBINED SIGHT AND PHONETIC READING, FROM THE PRIMER, PART II., WITH AUXILIARY EXERCISES TO STRENGTHEN AND PERFECT THE WORK.

Three lines of work are to be separately practiced every day: —

1. Reading from the Primer, Part II.
2. Drill on the Phonograms.
3. Drill on the Blend.

1. The Book-reading.

This differs from the reading in Part I in this: That nearly every sentence contains *some phonetic* reading. At first the quantity is small, but one, or, at most, two phonetic words being used in a sentence. The reason for thus limiting the phonetic work is that the children being yet somewhat slow in perception of the blend, too many phonetic words would prove an obstruction to the thought-getting. New sight-words are added from time to time, including some that may afterward be used as word-phonograms. New phonograms are also taught, and, as a consequence, phonetic words differing slightly in character from those previously used are constantly introduced; but in no case are new sight-words presented in the same lesson with a new phonogram.

In this mixed sight and phonetic reading, as in the sight-reading on the blackboard, used in Part I., *no scholar must ever be allowed* to read a sentence until he is ready to do so without a halt or break. At the very first indication of a break, he must be stopped and told not to begin again until he is ready; but while he is getting ready, he must be permitted to tell (by number) which word he cannot get. If it be a sight-word, he must be told; if a phonetic word, he must be asked to give its sounds, and then, failing to

recognize the word, to give them faster. Finally, if he cannot get the word, the other scholars must be called upon to tell him.

Special phonetic preparation should be made for every lesson in the book as follows: —

Before the lesson is attacked by the class, all the phonetic words it contains should be written (or printed) on the blackboard with the proper marks. These words should then be read by the scholars several times as a blend drill. Whenever this is done, the separate "Drills on the Blend" prescribed below (3) may be reduced by the number of words thus practiced for the lesson.

2. The Drill on the Phonograms.

This must be continued daily *throughout the course.* No new phonogram should be taught more than a day or two in advance of the reading lesson over which it appears. Whenever a new phonogram is taught, the card that contains it must be added to the number used in the daily drills. The knowledge of the individual phonograms being the foundation upon which the whole superstructure in phonetic reading rests, the daily repetition of all thus far taught is in a certain sense a review of the entire subject, which will do wonders in the way of bringing together, at the end of the term, scholars whose previous training and opportunities for attending school have been widely different.

3. The Drill on the Blend.

Perception of the blend comes rapidly to a favored few, but to the average scholar only as a result of careful training. The practice, therefore, in phonetic reading afforded by sentences that contain but one or two phonetic words each, is but a small portion of what is required that proficiency may be attained. For this reason, you must give your scholars, on the blackboard, every day, at least thirty or forty *single* phonetic words to read. The words are to be selected largely from the Phonetic List that accompanies the phonogram last learned, but many words from lists previously used should be mingled with them. Remember the directions previously given, to have many extremely easy words distributed among the others for the encouragement of the duller pupils, and remember that the "buzzing" which the scholars make in trying to get at the words "under their breath," being *necessary,* is *not* disorderly, and must *not* be suppressed.

IV.

LATER WORK.

1. Second Half-Year.

The work of the second half-year does not differ essentially from that of the "Third Stage" in the first half-year. New phonograms are, of course, introduced from time to time, as well as new sight words; while the subject-matter becomes less simple and the sentences grow longer.

During the first and second half-years, the use of supplementary readers is not recommended; though many Brooklyn teachers employ them after the first half-year very successfully. The author believes that the best possible provision of additional matter, *throughout the first year*, is that which every thoughtful teacher will make for herself, in the shape of blackboard lessons in script, which will afford extra drill upon words and phonograms already learned. Through these blackboard lessons, by teaching such new sight words as may be found necessary, the teacher may bring the reading into close correlation with animal and plant study, etc.

2. Third and Fourth Half-Years.

The last of the phonograms is taught about the middle of the third half-year, and the time has then arrived for the free use of supplementary readers. Otherwise, the work of this half-year differs from that of the preceding one only in grade.

In the fourth half-year, the only important change made beside the provision of subject-matter of a higher grade, is the introduction of many phonetic words without the diacritical marks to which the scholars have been accustomed. During the third and fourth half-years, *i.e.* during the second year, scholars that have been well taught, will, without difficulty, complete from ten to fourteen supplementary readers, and their mental

horizon, if the books have been well chosen, will be correspondingly extended.

3. Fifth and Sixth Half-Years.

In the fifth and sixth half-years, the latter of which completes the course, still more advanced subject-matter is provided, and the diacritical marks are entirely omitted from the text, though they are still used in blend drills, one of which is given at the head of each lesson, as a preparation therefor.

Both of the mechanical drills are practised daily throughout the course of three years to secure full development of power as well as to bring together those scholars that have pursued the course from the outset and those that have entered upon it at various times thereafter.

In the front part of each book above the Primer are given special directions for the teacher, which should be very carefully read.

LISTS OF PHONETIC WORDS

FOR USE IN BLEND DRILLS AND IN BLACKBOARD SENTENCE READING.

RULES FOR MARKING OBSERVED IN THESE LISTS.

1. Sight-words (words taught as wholes) uncombined with other words should not be marked.

2. A sight-word found within another word and having there its *usual sound*, should be set off as a single phonogram by an underdrawn horizontal line.

EXAMPLES: ail in f<u>ail</u>, ails in f<u>ails</u>, an in <u>an</u>t.

3. A compound phonogram used as a part of a word should ordinarily be set off as a single phonogram by an underdrawn horizontal line.

EXAMPLES: ights in f<u>ights</u>, im in l<u>imp</u>, ings in w<u>ings</u>, pr in <u>pr</u>i<u>nt</u>, cl in <u>cl</u>ăp.

4. When a compound phonogram or a word phonogram forms *by itself* either the first or the last *syllable* of a word, it should not be marked, but should be slightly separated from the rest of the word.

EXAMPLES: ing in lēap ing, er in mill er, est in small est, un in un līk∉, un do ing, be in be come.

Exception. — When the compound phonogram is immediately preceded or succeeded by a silent (crossed-out) letter, no other separation than that made by the silent letter should occur.

EXAMPLES: er in lō∀er, un in un∦no∀n, ed in fi<u>t</u>∱ed.

5. When a compound phonogram which does *not, by itself,* form a syllable is separated from the other phonetic elements of the word by a silent (crossed-out) letter, an apostrophe, or a division of syllables, it need not be marked.

EXAMPLES: he in heȧt, bl in gā blȧ, end in frȧend, she in she'ṡ.

6. Other phonograms should be marked in words as they are marked at the heads of the following lists.

EXAMPLES: e and ō in eōȧl, ă in săp.

7. Silent letters and letters so slightly or obscurely sounded that their omission will not involve the loss of a syllable, should be crossed out.

EXAMPLES: e in fīnȧ, g in ġnat, o in lesṡon or mŭtṫon.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 1.

LENGTH LIMIT: THREE PHONOGRAMS.

PHONOGRAMS.—f, l, m, n, r, s,—ā, ē, ō,—ing, ings, ight, ights,
—and short sight-words from Part I. of the Primer.

To make the sound of *l*, place the tip of the tongue against the roof of the mouth behind the front teeth, and *holding it there* say *ull* (latter part of *full*).

To make the sound of *r*, press the side edges of the tongue against the upper side teeth, curling the tip up until it almost touches the roof of the mouth. Then say *ur, curling* the *r* part well (but not trilling it) and making precisely the same vowel sound that occurs in *l*.

The other phonograms in this list, it is believed, all teachers can sound without special instruction.

NOTE. — The directions at the tops of the lists are for the teacher only. Do not give them to the scholars. Above all, do not have the scholars learn them. They should acquire the power to give the sounds by listening and imitating. A few exceptions will be noted as they occur.

A.

fail, fails, fall, fan, fat, fight, fights, fill, fin, fit, fits, fold, land, light, lights, lit, mail, mails, man, many, mat, Mat, meat, meats, might, mill, mold, nail, nails, Nan, Nat, neat, night, nights, rail, rails, ran, rat, right, rights, rill, ring, rings, sail, sails, Sam, sand, sat, seat, seats, sight, sights, sill, sing, sings, sit, sits, sold, swell, swells.

B.

Anɲ, ƙnow, ōɦ, ōwɸ, fuss, gnat, ƙnēɸ, ƙnit, ƙnits, lamb, mitt, muss, snow.

C.

āɲm, ēɲr, ēɸl, I'll, I'm, lāɣ, Lēɸ, lōw, māɣ, Māɣ, mōw, rāɣ, Rāɣ, rōɸ, rōw, sāɣ, sēɲ, sō, sōw, wring, wrings.

D.

eatɸn, hēɲl, heɲr, heɸl, ƙnown, ƙnowing, meɲl, meɲn, ōɲr, ōwing, ōwn, seem, seen, she'll, tool, weɲn, we'll, we'rɸ, you'll, you'rɸ, your.

E.

can not, failing, falling, fanning, fighting, filling, folding, landing, lighting, mailing, molding, nailing,

rail ing, rail ings, ring ing, sail ing, seat ing, seem ing, sing ing, swell ing, swell ings, willōw, with in, with out.

F.

āim ing, fitting, fussing, heal ing, hear ing, heel ing, knitting, lāying, lōwing, matting, mean ing, mōwing, mussing, ōwn ing, rōwing, sāying, sāyings, sitting, snow ing, sōwing, wean ing.

G.

fallen, fatten, fats, fēar, fēel, fōam, fōrē, fōur, gnats lāin, lāmē, lānē, lēaf, lēan, Lēō, lighten, little, lōaf, lōan, mānē, Mat's, mats, mitten, mōan, mōlē, Mōrē, mōrē, mōwn, nāmē, Nat's, nēar, rāin, rattle, rinsē, rōam, rōar, rōll, sāfē, sālē, sāmē, sat in, sēal, sēam, sōlē, sōrē, written.

H.

flat, flēa, fling, flings, flōw, frēē, fright, slam, slat, slight, sling, slings, slit, slits, slōw, small, snail, snails, stool.

PHONETIC LIST NO 2.

LENGTH LIMIT: FOR WORDS ENDING WITH ING, INGS, *OR* S, *FOUR PHONOGRAMS; FOR OTHER WORDS, THREE.*

NEW PHONOGRAM: S.

(Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of this phonogram.)

To make the sound of S place the organs of speech in position for *s* and force the *voice* strongly, but not suddenly or explosively, through, producing a decided buzzing sound.

āmS, AnS, another, another's, anyone, anyhow, anyone's, anything, anyway, ārS, āSS, ēlS, falls, fanS, fattening, fattenS, fēaring, fēarS, fēeling, fēelings, fēelS, fillS, finS, flēaS, flinging, flōwing, flōwS, fōaming, fōamS, foldS, fōrS, friend, friends, healS, hearS, heelS, he'S, however, knēeling, knēelS, knēeS, knowS, lambS, lamb'S, lāmeS, lāming, landS, lāneS, late, lāyS, lēafing, lēafS, lēaning, lēanS, lend, lending, lendS, Lēō'S, lōaning, lōanS, lōwS, māneS, man'S, mate, mates, Māy'S, mealS, meaning, meanS, mend, mending, mendS, millS, minōw, mittenS, mōaning, mōanS, moldS, mōleS, MōreS, mother, mothers, mother's, nāmeS, naming, Nan'S, never, nōseS, ōarS, onto, ōweS, ōwnS, overdo, overdoes, overcome,

over eat, over eaten, over eats, over look, over looks, over see, over seen, over sees, over sight, over take, over takes, over taken, rails, rāi'ning, rāi'ns, rāi'sd, rāi's ing, rāted, rattl'es, rattl'ing, rāys, Rāy's, rills, rinsing, rinsings, rōa'ming, rōa'ms, rōa'ring, rōa'rs, rōds, rōl'ling, rōl'ls, rōsd, Rōsd, rōws, Rover, Rover's, sāl'es, Sam's, sēa'ling, sēa'ms, sēa's, seems, send, sending, sends, several, she's, sills, slamming, slams, slate, slats, slinging, slitting, smother, snowing, snows, sōl'es, sōling, somehow, something, sōr'es, sōws, stools, sup, supping, sups, tools, upon, upright, wea'ns, wea'sel, willōws, yours.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 3.

LENGTH LIMIT: SAME AS FOR LIST NO. 2.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: ī and ȳ.

d'ȳd, d'ȳd's, d'ȳing, fīd, fīfd, fīfds, fīfing, fīld, fīld's, fīling, fīnd, fīrd, fīrd's, fīring, flȳ, flīd's, flȳing, flȳ's, frȳ, frīd's, frȳing, fȳ, knīfd, līd, līd's, līfd, līmd, līnd, līnd's, līning, lȳing, mīld, mīld's, mīnd, mīrd, mȳ, nīnd, nīnd's, rīsd, rīsing, rȳd, sīgh, sīghing, sīghs, sīgn, sīgning, sīgns, slȳ, wrȳ.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 4.

LENGTH LIMIT: SAME AS FOR LIST NO. 2.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: k and t (as terminals).

(*Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of these phonograms.*)

ant, ants, beak, beaks, beam, beaming, beams, bean, beans, beat, beating, beats, become, becomes, beth, beths, beef, beet, beetle, beets, being, didn't, east, feet, font, heat, heating, heats, lakth, lakths, leak, leaking, leaks, lift, mate, mates, meet, meeting, meets, mint, mitth, mitths, musk, must, notth, notths, oak, oaks, oat, oats, rakth, rakths, raking, rust, rusting, rusts, sakth, sakths, seek, seeking, seeks, sheet, sheeting, sheets, sift, silk, silks, sleek, sniff, soak, soaking, soaks, sweet, sweeten, sweets, swing, swinging, swings, weak, weakth, weakthn, weakthning, weakthns, week, weeks, winging, writth, writths, writing, wroth.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 5.

LENGTH LIMIT: FOR WORDS ENDING WITH ER, ERS, ING, INGS, *OR* S, *FOUR PHONOGRAMS, FOR OTHER WORDS, THREE.*

NEW PHONOGRAMS: er and ers (as terminals).

(*Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of these phonograms.*)

Pronounce the above phonograms like *ir* and *irs* in *sir* and *sirs*.

answer, answering, answers, beater, beaters, beetles, Easter, eater, eaters, fatter, feeler, feelers, fifer fifers, fighter, fighters, finer, fitter, fitters, folder, folders, flatter, flyer, flyers, friends, hearer, hearers, inner, kinder, knitter, knitters, lamer, later, layer, layers, leaner, lender, lenders, lifter, lifters, lifting, lifts, lighter, lighters, litter, littering, litters, lower, lowering, lowers maker, makers, manner, manners, matter, matters, meaner, mender, menders, milker, milkers, miller, millers, molder, molders, mower, mowers, nearer, neater, older, owner, owners, raker, rakers, ratter, ratters, ringer, ringers, roller, rollers, rower, rowers, safer, sailer, sailers, sender, senders,

sifter, sifters, sifting, sifts, singer, singers, slates, slighter, slōwer, slyer, smaller, smothering, smothers, sniffing, sniffs, sōrer, sōwer, sōwers, supper, suppers, sweeter, thinker, thinkers, upper, uppers, weaker, wetter, wringer, wringers, wrīter, wrīters.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 6.

LENGTH LIMIT FOR THIS AND ALL SUCCEEDING LISTS: FOUR PHONOGRAMS.

New Phonograms: ŏ and ck.

(*Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of these phonograms.*)

ācorn, befōre, befriend, beliēf, belōw, corner, cornering, corners, corning, daylight, fāint, fēast, flāke, flāme, flēet, flint, flōat, flŏck, flōer, flōwn, fŏllōw, frāme, Frīday, frŏck, horse-flȳ, knŏck, knŏcker, knŏckers, knŏcking, knŏcks, knot, knots, knotting, lēast, lŏck, lŏcking, lŏcks, lŏse, lŏst, lŏt, lŏts, minōws, mŏck, mŏcker, mŏckers, mŏcking, mŏcks, mŏrrōw, mŏss, mōst, ŏff, ŏffend, ŏffer, ŏffering, ŏffers, ŏften, ŏftener, Ŏtō,

Ŏttō's, rŏck, rŏcker, rŏckers, rŏcking, rŏcks, Rŏllō, rŏt, rŏts, rŏttėn, rŏtting, slēėk, slēėt, slīmė, smeėar, smeėaring, smeėars, smīlė, smōkė, snākė, snēėak, snoreė, snoring, snoreės, sŏck, sŏcks, sŏft, sŏftėn, sŏrrōw, suppōsė, up rōėar.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 7.

New Phonogram: p (as a terminal only).

āpė, hèėap, heėaping, heėaps, lăm̆p, lamps, lēėap, lēėaper, lēėaping, lēėaps, lŏp, lŏpping, lŏps, mŏp, mŏpping, mŏps, mōpė, mōpės, mōping, ōpėn, ōpėner, ōpėners, ōpėning, ōpėnings, ōpėns, rēėap, rēėaper, rēėapers, rēėaping, rēėaps, rīpė, rīpėn, rīper, rŏmp, rōpė, rōpės, rōping, sheėp, sheėp's, slēėp, slŏp, slōpė, snīpė, sōėap, sōėaping, sōėaps, sŏp, sŏpping, sŏps, stoop, stooping, stoops, sweėp, sweėper, sweėpers, sweėping, sweėps, weėp, weėper, weėpers, weėping, weėps.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 8.

p and t anywhere; also pl, pr, and tr.

(*Also a number of additional sight-words from the Primer.*)

Before the *new* compound phonograms, pl, pr, and tr, introduced in this list, are memorized or used in words, their pronunciation should be determined *by the scholars themselves.*

arm pit, But ler, butter, but ting, but ton, but tons, butts, farm, farm er, farm ing, farms, handl, handls, hand ling, pail, pails, pāin, pāin ing, pāins, pāint, pāl, pāl er, pan, pans, panel, pān, pāns pāper, pāpers pāst, pat, pats, patter, patter ing, patters, pat ting, pāy, pāyer, pāyers, pāy ing, pāys, pēa, pēas, pēast, pēel, pēel er, pēel ers, pēel ing, pēels, pēep, pēep er, pēep ers, pēep ing, pēeps, pēepl, pīe, pīes, pīl, pīls, pīl ing, pill, pills, pin, pin ning, pins, pīn, pīn ing, pīns, pīp pīp er, pīp ers, pīps, pīp ing, pit, pits, pit ting, plain, plan, plan ning, plans, plān, plant, plate, plates, platter, platters, play er, play ers, play ing, pleat, pleat er, pleat ers, pleat ing, pleats, plŏt, pōk, pōk er, pōk ers, pōks, pōk ing, pōl, pōls, Pŏll, Pŏlls, pŏp, pŏpper, pŏppers, pŏpping, pŏps, pōrk, pōst, pŏt, pŏtter, pŏtters, pŏt ting, pots, pōr · pōur ing, pōrs, pout, pout er,

pouters, pouting, pouts, prāi̯sḛ, Pratt, Pratt's, prāy, prāy̆er, prāy̆ers, prāy̆ing, prāy̆s, prŏp, pup, pups, slēḛp, span, spanning, spans, spat, spats, spatter, spatters, spatting, spēak, spēar, spend, spending, spends, spīḛs, spīkḛ, spill, spilling, spills, spilt, spin, spinner, spinners, spinning, spins, spīrḛ, spit, spits, spitting, spittlḛ, spītḛ, spōkḛ, spŏt, spout, spouting, spouts, spȳ, spȳing, stāi̯n, stākḛ, stālḛ, stall, stalls, stammer, stammers, stamp, stand, standing, stands, stāy, stāying, stāys, stḛāk, stēal, stēam, stēḛl, stēḛr, stiff, stiffḛn, stiffer, still, stiller, stŏck stōnḛ, stōlḛ, stŏp, stōrḛ, tail, tails, taken, tālḛ, tālḛs, tall, taller, tāmḛ, tāmer, tāmers, tāmḛs, tāming, tan, tanner, tanners, tanning, tans, tāpḛ, tāper, tāpers, tāpḛs, tāstḛ, tatter, tatters, tattlḛ, tēa, tēas, tēasḛ, tēasing, tēam, tēams, tēar, tēars, tend, tender, tending, tends, tier, tiers, tīḛ, tīḛs, tight, tightḛn, tighter, till, tīmḛ, tīmḛs, tin, tinner, tinners, tinning, tins, tīnḛ, tīnḛs, tīrḛ, tīrḛs, tīring, tōast, tōḛ, tōḛing, tōḛs, told, Tŏm, Tŏm's, tōnḛ, tōnḛs, tŏp, tŏpplḛ, tŏps, tōrḛ, tōrn, tŏss, tŏsser, tŏssing, tŏt, tŏtter, tŏtters, tŏttlḛ, trāi̯n, trāy, trāys, treat, trēḛ, trēḛs, trīpḛ, trill, trilling, trills, trȳ, trīḛs, trȳing, tussle, twill, 'twill, twilling, twills, tȳing.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 9.

c and k anywhere; also cl and cr.

(Also a number of additional sight-words from the Primer.)

Before the *new* compound phonograms, cl and cr, introduced in this list, are memorized or used in words, their pronunciation should be determined *by the scholars themselves.*

āc|¢, āc|¢s, āc|ing, ēāk¢, ēāk¢s, call, call er, call ers, call ing, calls, cām¢, camp, camp ing, camps, can, can|ing, cans, candl¢, candl¢s, cān¢, cān¢s, cān ing, cāp¢, cāper, cāpers, cāp¢s, cās¢, cat, cats, cat's, cats', cattl¢, clāim, clam, clatter, clatters, clāy, clē|an, clē|ar, clīm|, cling, cling ing, clings, clō|k, clŏck, clōs¢, clōs¢, clover, cō|l, cō|st, cō|t, cō|ts, cōcō|, cŏff¢¢, cŏffin, cōk¢, cold, cold er, colds, cōlt, cōm|, cōm|ing, cōm|s, cŏm|m|on, cŏpper, cōr¢, cōr¢s, cōr ing, cŏst, cŏt, cŏts, cŏtt|on, cram, cram|ming, crams, cramp, crān¢, Crān¢, crate, crē|k, crē|m, crē¢k, crē¢p, crō|k, crŏck, crŏp, crŏs|, crōw, crōwer, crōwers, crōwing, crōws, crust, Kate, Kate's, kē¢p, kē¢p er, kē¢p ers, kē¢p ing, kē¢ps, kill, kill ing, kills, kit, kits, kitt|en, kitt|ens, kitt|en's, kitt|ens', over saw, over work, peach, preach, preach er, preach ing, reach, reach ing, saw ing, scāl¢, scamp, scant, scatter, scatters, scold, scold er, scold ers, scold ing, scolds, Scŏtt, see-saw, skate, skiff, skiffs, skill, skin, skin|ing, skins, skȳ, skī¢s, teach, teach er, teach ing, who ever, whom, who's, whos¢, whos ever, work er, work ers, work ing, work man.

WRITING AND SPELLING.

The teaching of writing and spelling should begin almost simultaneously with that of reading. Up to the time of the completion of the Primer, there should be no attempt at *oral* spelling, and the calling of letters by their names should be carefully avoided; for, until the scholars have become strong in the use of the letters as *phonograms*, their names prove stumbling-blocks in the reading.

The words used for writing and spelling should be presented, then, as wholes; and when it becomes necessary to direct attention to a particular letter, it should be designated as "this letter," "that letter," "the first letter," "the last letter," "the second letter," etc.

The following plan for the teaching of written spelling (writing and spelling), having produced most excellent results in connection with this method of teaching reading, is heartily recommended.

The teacher selects for the first lesson some very short and easy *sentence* that the children have already learned to read,— say, *I see.*[1] This she writes upon the blackboard over and over again in the presence of the scholars before she suffers them to copy it, calling attention each time to the place at which she begins, the direction in which she makes her strokes, etc.; so that, before the scholars try, they know quite definitely what they are to do.

She next requires them to copy and recopy the sentence until she finds by trial that they can reproduce it *without* copy.

She now sets them a new copy, containing the two words already used and one other that they have already learned to read,— say, *can,*— making the sentence, *I can see.* This they copy and recopy like the first sentence, until it is found by trial that they can reproduce it unaided by a copy. Proceeding in the same way, she gives them for their next copy, *I see a man;* for their next, *See me, man;* for their next, *See me eat;* and so on, until they have acquired a writing vocabulary of from eight to twelve words.

[1] Other selections will do as well as those used here.

Before teaching any more words, she makes as many *new* declarative and imperative sentences as possible with the words already acquired, no sentence containing more than four words, and has the scholars write them *from dictation.*

She then resumes the word-teaching process, using for her copies interrogative as well as declarative and imperative sentences, and teaching, of course, the use of the interrogation mark. Now, however, instead of presenting *one* new word at a time, she presents *two,* but without increasing sentence-lengths. For example, if, at this stage of the work, four words are deemed a proper length for the sentence, the make-up should be *two old* words with *two new* ones, *not three old* words and *one new* one: experience having proved that the length of the sentence remaining the same, two new words are acquired almost, if not quite, as quickly as one.

When a few additional new words (perhaps half-a-dozen) have been thus acquired, word-teaching again ceases for a short time, and is replaced by exercises in writing, from dictation, new sentences, both declarative and interrogative, made up of the words thus far learned.

The sentences used during the first half-year, whether for copy or dictation, should never exceed six words in length, and should attain this dimension only toward the end of that period.

Dictated sentences should be read to the scholars clearly and deliberately, no one being permitted to begin writing or even to look down at the slate or paper until the teacher has ceased to speak, and should *never* be repeated for inattentive or forgetful scholars. The only possible justification for repetition is an interruption (such as loud noise or the entrance of a stranger) that prevents attentive as well as inattentive scholars from catching the matter dictated.

In selecting material for the written work, good judgment will need to be exercised. At first, whatever the nature of the words employed, they should be composed of *short letters only* and should begin as far as possible with letters that are alike in both the capital and small letter form. After the first few weeks, however, no attempt should be made to grade the written spelling work from the standpoint of penmanship. The faults in the latter should be corrected by means of *separate* exercises or drills.

The words chosen for spelling should all be taken from matter previously read. That is, they should be words that the children already know by sight. The main consideration in the choice of a word should be its usefulness, the most useful words being those from which the largest number of sentences can be formed. These are not confined to any one or two parts of speech, but have numerous representatives in every one. Among the words selected a few of the homonyms should find places. No one of these should ever be presented to the children except in such connection with other words as will absolutely ensure the proper association of meaning with form (spelling). On no account should both members of a pair of homonyms be taught together. The scholars should be confirmed in the correct use of one by weeks of practice before the other is presented. Above all to be avoided, is the pernicious practice of using both members of a pair in one and the same sentence: a practice that even with older scholars leads to the most deplorable confusion.

The sentence method above described for written spelling is the only *good* method for beginners. At first it is slow, and, unless the teacher is prepared to be patient, discouraging. The teaching of the first little sentence will consume much of her time and energy. The progress of the children, however, after they have gathered a little impetus, will compensate her many times for her first trials. Many teachers in Brooklyn who formerly taught written spelling by the use of single words, with but indifferent success, now accomplish during the first half-year, upwards of a hundred and fifty words.

SECOND HALF-YEAR'S WORK.

COMBINED SIGHT AND PHONETIC READING FROM THE FIRST READER, WITH AUXILIARY EXERCISES TO STRENGTHEN AND PERFECT THE WORK.

Three lines of work are to be separately practiced every day: —

1. Reading from the First Reader.
2. Drill on the Phonograms.
3. Drill on the Blend.

1. The Book-reading.

The directions given for Book-reading in the "Third Stage" of the "First Half-year's Work," apply to the second Half-year's Work throughout. The following additions to them are valuable and should be carefully observed.

In the special phonetic preparation (see p. 15) made for each lesson in the First Reader, it will be sufficient to drill upon those phonetic words that contain *more than three* phonograms each. These, however, should be read by their phonograms, again and again, before the lesson itself is attacked.

The sight words introduced in the First Reader should, in the case of every group presented, be taught in script on the blackboard, and read by the scholars in many blackboard sentences, before the book lesson in which they occur is taken up.

The oral reading of every book lesson that is at all difficult, should be preceded by its silent reading, and this, to be made in the highest degree effective, should be accompanied by questioning and comment by the teacher. The questioning should not only deal *directly* with the text, but should also call for inferences, etc., by the scholars. For example: — *Teacher.* Was Jack a selfish or an unselfish boy? *Scholar.* He was a selfish boy. *Teacher.* How do you know? *Scholar.* Why, the book says that he always let his sister go for the milk. Here the teacher might appropriately make some brief comment to increase the interest in the lesson and correspondingly stimulate attention and effort.

Occasionally a lesson may strike the teacher as being very difficult for the little ones to understand. In such a case she should read the lesson aloud to the class in the most expressive manner possible, before the silent reading is done. This course, beside providing the pupils with good models of expression, will convey many a meaning to their minds that the mere *words* of the lesson would fail to convey.

In the directions for oral reading previously given, much stress was laid upon the necessity of never permitting a scholar to read a sentence until he is ready to do so without a break. Without scrupulous attention to this direction, you cannot hope to make your pupils thoughtful readers. The child who reads his sentence aloud, one word at a time, will reach the end, in many cases, without getting a vestige of the thought; while the one that reads to himself first, and then gives the sentence aloud without a break, gets the thought at the end, if he does not before. To accomplish this result, the best method is to have each scholar get his sentence ready, by reading it first to himself, and then require him to let the hand that holds the book drop to his side, and give the sentence aloud, without looking at the book. After the children have been exercised in this manner a few times, the very mistakes they make will attest the value of the method; for these will consist largely of substitutions for the words of the book of other words having *the same meaning.* The conclusion that the matter read is understood, thus becomes unavoidable.

The sentence lengths in the First Reader have been arranged with special reference to the employment of this method, the limit being only twelve words, so as to bring it within the ability of the average child to carry any sentence in the book.

2. The Drill on the Phonograms.

As already stated in a previous chapter, this must be continued daily throughout the course, and cover *all* the phonograms thus far taught. The necessity for keeping it up lies in the fact that while it is the foundation of the greater part of the reading, a foundation that all the scholars *must have,* there will be some in every class who, either from having been irregular in attendance or from having previously attended a school in which the Rational Method was not pursued, have not acquired a full knowledge of the phonograms.

When the whole number of phonograms thus far taught becomes too great for use in any single drill exercise, half the cards may be employed *at one exercise* and the other half at the next.

3. The Drill on the Blend.

The author has nothing to add here to the instructions given on page 15, which the teacher responsible for the Second Half-year's Work should read with great care. He would, however, say that the daily continuance of this exercise is vital to success, inasmuch as the sentence-reading alone does not afford half the phonetic practice required to produce the necessary expertness.

Note. — Directions for the teaching of Spelling during the second and third half-years, will be found at the end of the book.

LISTS OF PHONETIC WORDS

FOR USE IN BLEND DRILLS IN CONNECTION WITH THE READING DURING THE SECOND HALF-YEAR.

Thousands of phonetic words might be supplied for use during the second half-year; but the author has deemed it wise to restrict the number in each list after No. 21, to fifty. Should this number in any case prove insufficient, it may be largely increased by using in connection with the words given, any of the following suffixes for which the necessary phonograms have been previously taught: *ble, ed, el, en, er, ers, es, ful, gle, ing, ings, ish, le, less, ly, ness.* Suffixes, however, should in no case be employed when their use will increase the length of the word beyond six phonograms.

In the lists following No. 21, the compound phonograms ck and sh having become sufficiently familiar, are used without underscoring; and for the same reason where a double consonant, as *pp* or *ff*, occurs in the middle of a word, *neither* member is crossed out. A little care may be necessary in the latter case to prevent the scholars from getting the notion that each of the two members is to be sounded separately.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 10.

NEW PHONOGRAM: ă.

ăet, ăeting, ăets, Ălfan, Ălfan's, ărfōw, ărfōws, ăster, ăsters, ăttăck, ăttend, ăttends, ăttending, căckle, căp, căps, căstle, crăck, făct, flăp, lăck, lăcking, lăcks, lăp, lăpping, lăps, mărfōw, năp, năpping, năps, nărfōw, păck, păcking, păcks, răck, răcks, răp, răpping, răps, săck, săcks, săp, slăp, smăck, snăp, stăck, tăck, tăcking, tăcks, tălfōw, tăp, tăpping, tăps, trăck, trăp, wrăp, wrăpper, wrăppers, wrăpping, wrăps.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 11.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: { ic / ick and ip.

(*Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of these phonograms.*)

In presenting these phonograms, show that they begin alike, and that the first is *ic* because it ends with (the sound) c or ck, and the other is *ip* because it ends with (the sound) p. Before using them in words, drill the scholars well in distinguishing between them.

attic, attics, click, clicking, clicks, cŏlic, cŏmic, kick, kicker, kickers, kicking, kicks, lick, licking, licks,

mechanic, mice, nice, nick, nicking, nicks, Nick, Nick's, nickel, pick, picker, pickers, picking, picks, pickle, pickles, pickling, picnic, price, prick, pricker, prickers, pricking, prickle, pricks, rice, seller, sellers, selling, shallow, shallower, sick, sicker, sicken, sickle, slice, snicker, snickers, spice, stick, sticking, sticks, tick, ticker, tickers, ticking, ticks, tickle, tickler, ticklers, tickling, tickles, trice, trick, tricking, trickle, tricks, whenever, window, windows, clip, clipper, clippers, clipping, clips, cripple, lip, lips, nip, nipper, nippers, nipping, nips, pip, pips, pippin, pippins, rip, ripping, rips, ripple, ripples, rippling, sip, sipping, skip, skipper, skippers, skipping, skips, slip, slipper, slippers, slipping, slips, snip, snipping, snips, Tip, Tip's, tip, tipper, tippers, tipping, tips, tip-toe, trip, tripping, trips, triple.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 12.

New Phonograms: im and is (not is).

Present by the method suggested at the head of List No. 11.

Teach the children to distinguish between the second phonogram (pronounced *iss*) and the *word is*, by giving them to read a number of easy sentences in which *both* occur.

crimp, crimps, limb, limbs, limp, limping, limps, mimic, mimicking, mimics, mistake, mistakes, mistaken, pimple, primer, primers, rim, rims, Sim, Sim's, simmer, simple, skim, skimmer, skimmers, skimming, skims, slice, slim, slimmer, spice, Tim, Tim's, trice, trim, trimmer, trimmers, trimming, trimmings, trims.

Assist, crisp, fist, fists, frisk, insist, kiss, kisser, kissers, kissing, lisp, lisping, lisps, list, lists, listen, listener, listeners, listening, listens, Miss, miss, missing, mist, Mister, pistol, risk, risking, risks, sister, sisters, sister's, sisters', wrist, wrists.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 13.

NEW PHONOGRAM: W.

(*Also one additional sight-word used in the Reader before the introduction of this phonogram.*)

The *real* sound of this phonogram cannot be given alone. It is that peculiar slide or twist that occurs between long *oo* and any other vowel sound when we attempt to pass from one to the other without stopping. Thus: o͞oĕt, o͞oā, etc., etc. We therefore teach the children to call it o͞o and, in words, to smother or shorten the vowel part, to the point of suppression.

hour, hours, flour, flouring, flours, sour, souring, sours, scour, scouring, scours, swam, swift, swim, swimmer,

swimmers, swimming, swims, swīn∕, swōr∕, twice, twin, twins, twīn∕, wāfer, wāfers, wail, wailing, wails, wāĭt, wāĭter, wāĭters, wāĭting, wāĭts, wāĭst, wāk∕, wāk∕n, wāk∕s, wāking, wall, walls, wāst∕, wick, wicks, wicker, wīf∕, wīf∕'s, wilt, wilting, wilts, win, winner, winners, winning, winnings, wins, wīn∕, wīn∕s, winter, winters, wīp∕, wīper, wīpers, wīp∕s, wīping, wīr∕, wīr∕s, wīring, wīs∕, wīser, wisp, wisps, wōk∕, wōr∕, wōrn.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 14.

New Phonograms: ĕ, est, less, and ness.

After teaching ĕ, write *est*, *less*, and *ness* on the blackboard, mark them thus: ĕst, lĕs∕, nĕs∕, and have them read. Finally have them committed as wholes without marks.

armless, ărrest, căpless, coldest, coldness, crest, cresting, crests, ēarless, čat, čch∕ō, čch∕ō∕s, čch∕ōing, Ĕl∕ĕn, Ĕl∕ĕn's, ĕls∕, endless, čnter, Est∕her, fatness, fat∕est, fēarless, fĕl∕, fĕl∕ōw∕, fĕlt, fester, festering, festers, fīnest, flat∕test, fŏrest, frēest, friendless, frčt, fus∕ĕs, ∕honest, illness, kĕn∕∕l, kĕpt, kĕt∕l∕, kindest, kindness, kis∕ĕs, ∕knĕlt, lām∕ness, lāmest, lateness,

lāt est, late ness, lēȧf less, lēȧn est, lēȧn ness, lĕȧnt, lĕft, lĕmøn, lĕnt, Lĕnt, less, less er, lessøn, lest, Lester, lĕt, lĕtter, lĕtting, lĕts, light est, light ness, līfȧless, like ness, lŏck less, lōẇest, lōẇness, meȧn est, meȧn ness, mĕȧnt, mĕllōẇ, mĕløn, mĕlt, mĕn, mĕn's, mĕsṡ, mĕt, mĕtȧl, missṡĕs, mother less, mussṡĕs, nēȧr est, nēȧr ness, neat est, neat ness, nĕck, nĕcks, Nĕll, Nĕll's, nest, nesting, nĕstlȧ, nests, nĕt, nĕtting, nĕts, new est, new ness, old est, pāȋn less, pāl est, pālȧness, pānȧless, peachĕs, pĕck, pĕcking, pĕcks, pĕlt, pĕn, pĕns, pĕpper, pĕppers, pest, pester, pester ing, pests, pĕt, pĕts, pĕtting, prĕsṡ, Prestøn, rāȋn less, reachĕs, rest, rest ing, rests, rim less, rīp est, rīpȧness, sāf est, săp less, sȧĕnt, sēȧm less, seat less, sĕlf, sĕll, sĕller, sĕllers, sĕlling, sĕlls, sĕnsȧ, sĕnt, sĕt, sĕtter, sĕtters, sĕtting, sĕttlȧ, sĕts, sick est, sick ness, slight est, slight ness, slimmest, slim ness, slōẇest, slōẇness, slȳ est, slȳ ness, small est, small ness, smĕll, sōr est, sōrȧness, sour est, sour ness, spĕll, stĕm, stĕp, stiff est, stiffness, still est, still ness, swĕȧt, tall est, tām est, tāmȧness, teachĕs, tēȧr less, tell er, tell ers, tĕn, tĕns, tĕnt, test, test ing, tests, tight est, tight ness, tīrȧless, 'rēȧless, trimmest, trim ness, weȧk est, weȧk ness, wĕnt, wĕpt, West, Westøn, wĕttest, wick less, wing less, wis est,

wīs-ness, wr-n, wr-ns, wr-n's, wr-ck, wr-cking, wr-cks, wr-stl.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 15.

NEW PHONOGRAM: d (as a terminal only).

Teach effect, not separate sound. Put fill and filld on the blackboard, and call attention to the difference in appearance and the corresponding difference in sound. Then write call and calld, and let the scholars try to name the latter. Repeat the process with other known words.

aild, āimd, armd, butterd, buttond, calld, cānd, clăd, cōmbd, cōrd, cornd, cornerd, crīd, crōwd, ēasd, ĕchōd, ēyd, faild, fanned, farmd, fēard, fĕlld, festerd, fīld, filld, flourd, flōwd, fōamd, frēd, frīd, frilld, handld, heald, knēeld, killd, lāid, lāmd, lēand, līd, lightend, listend, lōand, lōwd, mādē, maild, mīrd, mōand, mōwd, naild, nāmd, one-armd, ōpend, ōwd, ōwnd, pāid, pāimd, pēeld, pĕnned, pesterd, pīld, pīnd, pinned, playd, pōurd, prāyd, rāind, rāisd, rĕad, rēard, rōamd, rōard, rōdē, rōlld, rōwd, rustld, saild, sawd, seourd, sēald, sēamd, seemd, sīghd, sīgnd, simmerd, sinned, skimmed, skinned, snowd, sōard, sōld, sold,

sour∕ɸd, sōw∕ɸd, spill∕ɸd, stā∕d, swell∕ɸd, tām∕ɸd, tann∕ɸd, tēa̲s̲∕ɸd, tickl∕ɸd, tī∕ɸd, tīr∕ɸd, titt̲er∕ɸd, tō∕ɸd, told, tōll∕ɸd, trī∕ɸd, trill∕ɸd, trimm∕ɸd, tr̲ŏd, wail∕ɸd, wall∕ɸd, wea̲k∕ɸn∕ɸd, wea̲n∕ɸd, wing∕ɸd, wīr∕ɸd.

fād∕ɸ, fīnd, in sīd∕ɸ, kind est, lăd, lăd∕der, lăd∕ders, lēa̲d, lĕa̲d, lēa̲d er, lēa̲d ers, lēa̲d ing, lēa̲d̲s̲, lōa̲d, lōa̲d ing, lōa̲d̲s̲, măd, măd∕dest, mā∕d, mā∕d̲s̲, mā∕d∕ɸn, mīld, mīnd, nēɸd, păd, păd∕ding, păd̲s̲, păd∕dl∕ɸ, plā∕d, prīd∕ɸ, rēa̲d, rēa̲d er, rēa̲d ers, rēa̲d ing, rēa̲d̲s̲, rīd∕ɸ, rīd er, rīd ers, rīd∕ɸs̲, rīd ing, rīnd, rōa̲d, săd, săd∕dest, săd∕d∕ɸn, săd∕der, sīd∕ɸ, spād∕ɸ, spēɸd, stēɸd, swōrd, tīd∕ɸ, tōa̲d, tr̲ĕa̲d, wād∕ɸ, wād er, wād ers, wād∕ɸs̲, wād ing, weɸd, weɸd er, weɸd ers, weɸd ing, weɸd̲s̲, wĕd∕ding, who'd, wīd∕ɸ, wīd∕ɸn, wīd er, wīd est, wīld, wīnd.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 16.

New Phonogram: d̄. (Pronounced exactly like *t*.)

(*Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of this phonogram.*)

ăch∕ɸd̄, cāk∕ɸd̄, cŏck∕ɸd̄, fīf∕ɸd̄, fuss∕ɸd̄, had n't, hea̲p∕ɸd̄, i̲ced̄, kick∕ɸd̄, kiss∕ɸd̄, k̲nŏck∕ɸd̄, lăck∕ɸd̄, lăpp∕ɸd̄, lēa̲k∕ɸd̄,

lēapēd, lickēd, līkēd, limpēd, lŏckēd, lŏppēd, milkēd, mimickēd, missēd, mŏckēd, mōpēd, mŏppēd, mussēd, nippēd, over lookēd, over workēd, păckēd, pĕckēd, pickēd, pōkēd, pŏppēd, preachēd, pricēd, rākēd, răppēd, reachēd, rēapēd, rinsēd, rippēd, rŏckēd, sippēd, slicēd, sniffēd, sōakēd, spicēd, suppēd, tăckēd, tăppēd, tickēd, tippēd, tŏssēd, 'twould, wākēd, wīpēd, workēd, wouldn't, wrăppēd, wrĕckēd.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 17.

New Phonogram: ed. (Pronounced *ĕd.*)

(*Also a number of additional sight-words used in the Reader before the introduction of this phonogram.*)

ărrested, ăttended, buttĕd, crested, Ed, ended, fāded, fed, fitted, fled, folded, Fred, handed, heated, home-mādē, home-sick, knottĕd, landed, led, lifted, lighted, lōaded, māted, mattĕd, medal, meddlē, mended, molded, Ned, nēeded, nĕttĕd, păddĕd, pattĕd, pedal, peddlē, pettĕd, pittĕd, pŏttĕd, pouted, red, reddĕn, redder, reddest, rested, rŏttĕd, rusted, sanded, scolded, seated, sīded, sifted, sled, sped, tended, tilted, tested, tinted, wāded, wāited, weeded, wedding, weren't, wicked, wickedest, wilted.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 18.

New Phonogram: ç.

çēȧsȩ, çēȧsȩd̄, çēȧsȩless, çēȧsing, Çēçil, çēȷl, çēȷlȩd, çēȷling, çēȷlings, çēȷls, çĕll, çĕlls, çĕnt, çīder, Çȳrus, fāçȩ, fāçȩd̄, fāçing, fĕnçȩ, fōrçȩ, īçĕs, īçing, īçicl, lāçȩ, lāçȩd̄, lāçing, māçȩ, mincȩ, mincȩd̄, mincing, nīçer, nīçest, nīçȩness, nȷēçȩ, pāçȩ, pāçȩd̄, pāçer, pāçers, pāçing, pēȧçȩ, pĕnçȩ, pȷēçȩ, pȷēçȩd̄, pȷēçing, pincers, princȩ, rāçȩ, rāçȩd̄, rāçer, rāçers, rāçing, sincȩ, spāçȩ, trāçȩ, wincȩ, wincȩd̄, wincing.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 19.

New Phonograms: ŭ and un.

clŭck, crŭmƀ, cŭd, cŭds, cŭddlȩ, cŭff, cŭffȩd̄, cŭffing, cŭffs, cŭt, cŭtter, cŭtters, cŭtting, cŭttings, cŭttlȩ, fun, funnȩl, fŭrrōw, knŭckle, lŭck, lŭmp, mŭd, mŭff, mŭffle, mŭffs, mŭffin, mŭtter, mŭttȯn, nŭmƀ, nŭmƀing, nŭmƀness, nŭmƀs, nŭt, nŭts, nŭtting, plŭck, plŭm, pŭcker, pŭckers, pŭddlȩ, pŭff, pŭffȩd̄, pŭffing, pŭffs,

pŭlsɸ, pŭmp, rŭddɸer, rŭffɸlɸ, run, runɸer, runɸers, runɸing, runs, rŭm, seŭd, seŭds, seŭddɸing, seŭm, skŭllɸ, smŭt, snŭffɸ, spun, stŭck, stŭd, stŭffɸ, stun, stunɸɸd, stunɸing, stuns, stunt, sŭck, sŭckɸd̄, sŭcking, sŭcks, sŭddɸn, sŭds, sŭffer, sŭffers, sŭm, sŭms, sŭmɸer, sŭmɸers, sun, sunɸɸd, sunɸing, sunless, suns, swŭm, tŭck, tŭckɸd̄, tŭcker, Tŭcker, tŭcking, tŭcks, tunɸɸl, tunɸɸls, unbeatɸn, unbuttɸn, unbuttɸnɸd, unending, unfed, unfit, unkind, unkinder, unkindest, unkindness, unlāçɸ, unless, unlōɸd, unlŏck, unmādɸ, unpăck, unpāɸd, unpin, unpinɸɸd, unpinɸing, unpins, unrōllɸ, unsāfɸ, unseen, unthinking, untīɸ, untīɸd, untīɸs, until, untying, unwell.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 20.

New Phonograms: sh and ish.

ăsh, ăshĕs, eăsh, clăsh, crăsh, crŭsh, ɸyɸlăsh, finish, finishɸd̄, finishing, fish, fishɸd̄, fishĕs, fishing, Fisher, Fisher's, flăsh, flĕsh, flŭsh, frĕsh, Īrish, lăsh, lăshɸd̄, lăshing, măsh, măshɸd̄, măsher, măshers, măshing, mŭsh, pĕttish, plăsh, plŭsh, Pōlish, pŏlish, punish,

punishɸd, punishing, rădish, răsh, rĕddish, rĕlish, rŭsh, rŭshɸd, rŭshing, shăd, shădōw, shādɸ, shāded, shādɸs, shāding, shādɸless, shākɸ, shākɸn, shāker, shākers, shākɸs, shāking, shăllʃ, shallōw, sham, shamɱɸd, shamɱing, shamṣ, shāpɸ, shāpɸd, shāpɸs, shāping, shatʃter, shed, shedding, shedṣ, sheɸpish, shĕlf, shĕllʃ, shĕllʃɸd, shĕllʃing, shĕllʃṣ, shīɸd, shʃēld, shīɸs, shift, shifted, shifting, shifts, shin, shinṣ, shīnɸ, shīner, shīners, shīnɸs, shīning, ship, shipping, ships, shōʃl, shōʃlṣ, shŏck, shŏckɸd, shŏcking, shŏcks, shŏd, shōnɸ, shŏp, shŏppɸd, shŏpper, shŏppers, shŏpping, shŏps, shōrɸ, shōrɸs, shōrn, shŏt, shŏts, shōw, shōwɸd, shōwing, shōwn, shōwṣ, shŭck, shŭcks, shŭddder, shŭddders, shŭfflɸ, shun, shunɱɸd, shunɱing, shunṣ, shŭt, shŭtting, shŭts, shŭtʃter, shŭtʃters, shŭttlɸ, shȳ, shȳer, shȳest, shȳing, skitʃtish, slŭsh, Spanish, trăsh, wish, wishɸd, wisher, wishers, wishĕṣ, wishing.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 21.

New Phonogram: v.

Sound by placing the lower lip against the upper teeth and forcing the *voice* strongly but not suddenly between.

ăd vīçe, an vil, can vas, cāve, cāved, cāves, cāv ing, clōve, crāve, ēave̊s, Ēve, ēven, ēven ing, ēven ings, ēvil, fēver, fēvers, fīve, fīves, insīde, insist, invīte, Ī've, Īves, knīves, lēave, lēaves, lēav ing, lēav ings, lĕvel, līve, līves, lōaves, ōval, ōvals, pāve, pāved, pāves, pāv ing, pēev ish, răvel, rōve, rōved, rōves, rōv ing, Rōv er, Rōv er's, sāve, sāved, sāv er, sāv ers, sāves, sāv ing, sāv ings, sĕven, shāve, shāved, shāv er, shāv ers, shāves, shāv ing, shāv ings, slēeve. stōve, un ēven, vail, vails, vāin, van, vans, van ish, vāse, vēal, vend, vend ing, vend er, vends, vĕsśel, vest, vīne, vīnes, vōte, vōt ed, vōt er, vōt ers, vōtes, vōt ing, wāve, wāved, wāves, wāv ing, weave, weav er, weav ers, weaves, weav ing, we've, wīves, wōve, wōven.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 22.

New Phonograms: ĭ, y̆, ly.

To teach the sound represented by ĭ, write the word *it* on the blackboard thus: *i*————*t*, and make sure that the scholars knows what it is. Then require them to pronounce it *as written*, helping them by placing the pointer on the *i* for them to begin, and sliding it slowly to the *t*, which they are not to pronounce until the pointer reaches it. If necessary, show them by doing the thing required, yourself. The long break between the two sounds will cause the ĭ to come out distinctly.

Now require the scholars to try the sound without seeing the word *it*, but instruct them that whenever they see the character ĭ, they must remember that it always stands for the first sound in that word.

The *sound* once mastered, there will be no trouble in teaching y̆ as an additional representative of it.

Teach ly by first presenting it marked thus: lў. Then put *late* and *lately* (without marks) on the blackboard, and call attention to the difference in appearance and the corresponding difference in sound. Write another well-known word. Have it read. Add ly. Ask what it is now. Repeat the process with other words. Insist always upon the ly being pronounced very crisply and not drawled out into a prolonged lē.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăctĭvɸ, ăllɸў, ɸărrў, çĕlerў, çitў, ɸŏpў, downў, ēɸsĭly, ēɸsў, everў, famĭly, frɾendly, frŏstў, funnў, īvў, kĭd, kĭdnăp, kindly, lately, lightly, līkɸly, lilў, manly, mĕrrў, mĭddlɸ, mŭddў, nēɸrly, neatly, nicely, ōnly, pansў, pĕnnў, pōnў, puppў, pŭttў, rāinў, rĭver, sandў, shīnў, sĭɸvɸ, silly, skinnў, slēɸpў, slīmў, slōwly, smōkў, sŏftly, sŏrrў, stōrў, timĭd.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 23.

New Phonogram: ch.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăpprōɸch, beɸch, beɸch, ɸăɾch, ɸăɾch up, chāɾn, chăp, chăpter, chāsɸ, chēɸp, cheat, chĕckers, chēɸk, chēɸsɸ,

chĕrrў, chĕstnŭt, chick, chʃēf, chīld, chilly, chimnɸў, chin, Chīnēsɸ, chip, chĭrrup, chŏp, chōrɸ, chŭcklɸ, cōɸch, crŭtch, ĭtch, kĭtchɸn, lătch, măʃch, mischĭɸf, nŏʃch, ŏstrĭch, pătch, pĭʃch, pōrch, punch, rĭch, Rĭchĭɸ, sandwĭch, Scŏtch, scrătch, stĭʃch, swĭʃch, tōrch, tɸŭch.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 24.

d anywhere; also, dr.

Pronounce d, ụd, placing the tip of the tongue against the roof of the mouth *before* uttering the ụ, so as to compel the sound to come from the throat.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

Before the *new* compound phonogram dr, presented in this list, is memorized or used in words, its pronunciation should be determined by the *scholars themselves.*

candў, çīder, çinder, crādlɸ, çўlinder, dāʃsў, dĕɸd, dēɸr, dēçīdɸ, dĕck, dēɸp, dēɸr, dēlight, dĕntist, dēnў, dēpōʃ, dĕsk, dice, Dick, dīɸ, dīmɸ, dimplɸ, dip, dish, dismiss, dīvɸ, dĭvīdɸ, dŏmĭno, dōɸr, dōsɸ, dōɸgɸ, drēɸm, drĕss, drŏp, drōvɸ, drŭm, drў, dŭck, dust, īdlɸ, kindlɸ, lādў, lĭd, nēɸdlɸ, pŭddlɸ, rŭdder, shōɸlder, sŏlĭd, spīder, străddlɸ, stŭdў.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 25.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: b, bl, and br.

Pronounce b, ụb, making the ụ with the lips *closed.*

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

Before the new compound phonograms, bl and br, presented in this list, are memorized or used in words, their pronunciation should be determined by the *scholars themselves.*

ā bl∕, bābў, băck, băd, ball, banner, bat, bed, bĕll, bĕlt, Bĕn, bĕnch, bend, bĕrrў, best, bī bl∕, bīçў cl∕, bisę̸it, bīt∕, bitter, blăck, blādę̸, blēę̸d, blīnd, blister, blŏck, blōẉ, bōạt, bōn∕, bŏttl∕, bōẉl, brāv∕, brę̸āk, brick, bright, bring, brōk∕, brŭsh, bŭb bl∕, bŭckl∕, bŭd, bunch, clŭb, cŏbwĕb, dø̆ŭ bl∕, ĕlbōẉ, nĭb bl∕, nim bl∕, no bl∕, nŭmber, pĕb bl∕, rāi̯nbōẉ, rĭbbø̆n, rŏb, sŏb, stā bl∕, tā bl∕, trø̆ŭ bl∕, tŭm bl∕.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 26.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: a e i o u, — Obscure Vowels.

These are vowels which cannot be crossed out because their omission would involve the loss of a syllable. Thus, rēạl would read rēl, līø̆n would read līn, etc.; and yet they are so indistinctly pronounced that no one can tell in any given case exactly what the sound is. On account of their indistinctness they are represented by the faint or skeleton letters shown above.

As good a way as any to teach the recognition of these letters is to first tell the scholars that they sound more nearly like ŭ than anything else, but are far less distinct; and then allow them to determine the word presented in each case by giving ŭ where the skeleton letter occurs, but require them when the word is pronounced as a whole to soften the ŭ to the verge of extinction. Showing should, of course, accompany the telling. With good teaching, one or two exercises should make the matter perfectly clear.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

a bō∕ard, a crŏss, a do, a flō∕at, a frā∕id, a larm, a light, a like, a līv∕e, an ĭmal, a pī∕ēç∕e, Ărab, a rīs∕e, a shām∕ed, a shōr∕e, a sīd∕e, a slē∕ep, a wā∕it, a wāk∕e, bălançe, bărrel, cannon, căraway, cărol, cărrot, chīna, Christmas, çinnamon, coward, cŭrrant, ĕrrand, īsland, īvorў, līlac, līon, mĕlon, mĕmorў, nĕcklaçe, nowadays, pălaçe, părrot, pērĭod, pīlot, rēal, sălad, several, stĭrrup, tĕnant, water-mĕlon.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 27.

New Phonograms: th and th.

Pronounce the first of these with the breath only, but give the second a strong *vocal* buzz. Tell the scholars that the cross line represents the buzz. Practice each thoroughly before using in words.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

bāthɸ, be nēɸth, blăck smĭth, bōth, bŏther, brĕɸth, brēɸthɸ, clŏth, clōthɸs, dĕɸth, ēɾther, fĕɸther, fōɸrth, frŏth, heɸthɸn, lăther, lĕɸther, mŏth, nēɾther, nīnth, panther, sĕvɸnth, tēɸth, tēɸthɸ, tĕnth, thăɾch, thēater, thēsɸ, thick, thɾēf, thīgɬ, thimblɸ, thin, thisɾlɸ, thōrn, thōsɸ, thōɸgɬ, thrăsh, thrĕɸad, thrĕɸatɸn, thrēɸ, thrōɸt, thrōnɸ, thrōw, thrŭsh, thŭmb, thŭmp, thunder, thus underneɸth, wĕɸther, ɸrēɸth, ɸrēɸthɸ.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 28.

New Phonogram: n.

Sounded by forcing the *voice* through the nose, with the mouth open and the fore part of the tongue kept down.

If you have difficulty in teaching your pupils this sound separately, write ăn on the blackboard and have it pronounced. Then change the form to ăn and tell the pupils that it is pronounced ang. Do the same with ĕn, ĭn, ŏn, and ŭn. Finally, mix all the forms ăn, ăn, ĕn, ĕn, ĭn, ĭn, ŏn, ŏn, ŭn, and ŭn irregularly, and drill the scholars in distinguishing them.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

alŏngɸ, ănklɸ, băngɸ, băn, belŏngɸ, blĭnk, bŭnk, chĭnk, chŭnk, clŭngɸ, crăn, dŏnkɸy, drăn, drŭnk, Frăn, gŏngɸ, ĭnk, lĕngth, lĭnk, lŭngɸ, ŏblŏngɸ, pĭnk, plăn, prăn, pŭnk,

răn̲g̲, săn̲g̲, săn̲k, sĭn̲k, slĭn̲k, sŏn̲g̲, spăn̲k, spr̲ăn̲g̲ spŭn̲k, str̲ĕn̲g̲th, str̲ŏn̲g̲, str̲ŭn̲g̲, stŭn̲g̲, tăn̲k, th̲ăn̲k, tĭn̲k̲er, tĭn̲klɸ, tŏn̲g̲s̲, tr̲ŭn̲k, twĭn̲klɸ, ŭn̲elɸ, wĭn̲k ɣrĭn̲klɸ, ɣrŏn̲g̲.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 29.

New Phonograms: ḡ, gl, and gr.

Pronounce ḡ u̯g̲, making the u̯ in the throat with the mouth open. See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăḡatɸ, agr̲ēɸ, ăn̲ glɸ, an̲gr̲ў, băn̲ glɸ, be ḡin̲, bĭḡ, bŭḡḡў, dĭḡ, ēɸ glɸ, fĭḡ, fĭn̲ḡ̲er, flăḡ, flŏḡ, frŏḡ, ḡāmɸ, ḡărrĕt ḡăth er, ḡăs, ḡēɸsɸ, ḡift, ḡĭḡ glɸ, ḡim let, glăd, ḡold, ḡŏt, gr̲āɟn, gr̲and m̲other, gr̲āpɸ, gr̲āvў, gr̲āɣ, gr̲ēɸdў, gr̲ēɸn, gr̲ōɣ, gr̲ŭm blɸ, gɣĕss, ḡŭm, ḡun̲, ḡŭtt̲er, lŏḡ, mĭn̲ glɸ, mŭḡ, pĕḡ, pĭḡ, pŏpḡun̲, răḡḡ̲ed, shăḡḡў, shĭn̲ glɸ, sĭn̲ glɸ, stăḡḡ̲er, tăḡ, tăn̲ glɸ, tīḡ̲er, tĭn̲ glɸ, to ḡĕth er, tŭḡ, twĭḡ ŭḡ ly, wăḡɸn, ɣrĭḡ glɸ.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 30.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: ġ and j.

Pronounce u̯j, placing the tip of the tongue against the roof of the mouth before uttering the u̯ so as to compel the sound to come from the throat.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

āġ𐑔, ānġĕl, ărrānġ𐑔, bă𐑛ġ𐑔, brĭ𐑛ġ𐑔, căbbaġ𐑔, cāġ𐑔, cărrĭ𐑛ġ𐑔, chānġ𐑔, cŏttaġ𐑔, c𐑜ŭraġ𐑔, dānger, dŏ𐑛ġ𐑔, ĕ𐑛ġ𐑔, ĕnġĭn𐑔, frinġ𐑔, ġĕm, ġēnĭ𐑔, ġĕntl𐑔, ġīant, ginger-bread, ġĭrăff𐑔, jail, Jān𐑔, jĕ𐑤𐑜us, jĕlly, jest, jĭnġl𐑔, jŏb, Jŏ𐑣n, jōk𐑔, jŏstl𐑔, jŭ𐑛ġ𐑔, jūg, jŭggler, jŭmp, just, măġic, ōblīġ𐑔, ŏranġ𐑔, păckaġ𐑔, pāġ𐑔, pĭġ𐑜n, pŏrrĭ𐑛ġ𐑔, pōstaġ𐑔, săvaġ𐑔, slĕ𐑛ġ𐑔, stāġ𐑔, stinġў, strānġ𐑔, wĕ𐑛ġ𐑔.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 31.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: a̧ and ô.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

a̧lmōst, a̧lrĕ𐑤dў, a̧l ways, a̧u̯ger, a̧u̯tumn𐑣, a̧w̯n ing, ba̧w̯l, be ca̧u̯s𐑔, bôrder, bôrn, bô𐑣gh𐑣t, brôad, brô𐑣gh𐑣t, ca̧u̯gh𐑣t,

chąlk, cląw, eôrd, eôrk, crąwfish, crąwl, dąughter, dąwdlę, drąw, dwąrf, fąlsę, fąuçĕt, fąult, fôrm, fôught, Ġęôrġę, ġnąw, jąw, nąught, ôught, pąw, rąw, rēwąrd, sąlt, sąuçer sąusaġę, seąld, shąwl, shôrt, sôrt, stôrm, strąw-bĕrrў, tąlk, tąught, thąw, thôught, wąlk, wąr, wąrm.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 32.

New Phonograms: h and wh.

Pronounce wh, hoo, making the h *very strong.* In words shorten the oo to the point of suppression.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

awhīlę, be hāvę, be hīnd, bŭckwheat, hall, hăng, hăppў, hăţchĕt, hate, hąwk, hāў-lŏft, hĕąd, Ḥĕąvęn, hĕąvў, hĕn, hickorў, hīdę, hīghţ, hill, hinġę, hīrę, hit, hold, hŏp, hôrn, hŏt, hŭg, hŭm, hunter, hŭrrў, hŭsh, hustlę, hŭt, hўēna, kēўhōlę, whālę, whąrf, wheat, whēęl, whēęl-bărrōw, whĭch, whīlę, whimper, whīnę, whip, whisk, whisper, whistlę, whītę, whittlę, ẁhōlę.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 33.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: ou and ow.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăllow, around, blouṣ¢, bough, bounç¢, brown, chowder, cloud, clown, couch, count, crowd, crown, crouch, drown, drowṣў, flounç¢, flounder, flower, fountaĭn, fowl, ground, growl, hāўmow, hŏt-houṣ¢, hound, houṣ¢, loud, mouṣ¢, mouth, night-gown, ounçe, plough, pounç¢, pound, powder, proud, prowl, round, shower, slouch, sound, south, sunflower, thouṣand, towĕl, tower, trouṣers.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 34.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: o̤, ṳ, and e̤w.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

bălło̤n, bo̤øt, bre̤w, bro̤øm, Brṳin, brṳiṣ¢, brṳnĕtt¢, brṳt¢, canø¢, che̤w, cho̤øṣ¢, co̤ø, co̤øl, cre̤w, crṳĕl, dre̤w, fo̤ød, fo̤øl ish, go̤øs¢, gre̤w, grṳĕl, im pro̤v¢, Je̤w, je̤wĕl, mo̤v¢, mo̤ønlight, po̤ødl¢, po̤øl, po̤ør, pro̤v¢, prṳn¢ṣ, ro̤øf, ro̤øm, ro̤øt, rṳbў, rṳd¢, rṳl¢, Rṳth, sch̸o̤øl, scre̤w, sho̤ø,

shọọt, slọọp, sọọn, sọụp, spọọl, spọọn, stọọp, strẹẉ, thrẹẉ, trụant, trụ𝆑, trụth, twọ.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 35.

New Phonograms: ọ, ụ, and ful.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ạẉful, băsh ful, bọọk, brọọk, bụllĕt, bụtcher, eọọkў, eọụld, crọọk ed, eụckọọ, eụshịọn, fạlsọhọọd, fēạr ful, fīr𝆑wọọd, fishhọọk, fọọt, hate ful, hĕlp ful, họọd, họọk, họọp, mouth ful, not𝆑bọọk, pail ful, pĭtĭ ful, plate ful, play ful, pụdding, pụll, pụllĕt, pụll𝆑ў, pụlpit, pụsh, pụss, right ful, scrăp bọọk, shọọk, shọụld, skill ful, spīt𝆑ful, stọọd, thăn k ful, thôụgh t ful, tọọk, trụth ful, will ful, wọlf, wọman, wọọlĕn, wọrst ed.

THIRD HALF-YEAR'S WORK.

COMBINED SIGHT AND PHONETIC READING FROM THE SECOND READER WITH AUXILIARY EXERCISES TO STRENGTHEN AND PERFECT THE WORK.

Three lines of work are to be separately practiced every day: —

1. Reading from the Second Reader.
2. Drill on the Phonograms.
3. Drill on the Blend.

1. The Book-reading.

This will be done in accordance with the directions given for Book-reading under the headings, "First Half-year's Work — Third Stage" (pp. 14 and 15), and "Second Half-year's Work" (p. 32).

It will be observed that, during the latter part of this half-year, the reading, except for words already learned, becomes almost wholly phonetic, the only *new* sight-words introduced being either words that cannot be phonetically marked, or words that contain six or more phonograms, and, as *phonetic* words, are, therefore, too difficult for the average child at this stage of his progress.

2. The Drill on the Phonograms.

This should be kept up not only during this half-year but through the fourth, fifth, and sixth half-years; and it should be the effort of the teacher, in every case, to have all her scholars, whatever their previous preparation (or lack of preparation) "well up in" the individual phonograms, before the end of the first month of the term, that they may thereafter work together without difficulty.

3. The Drill on the Blend.

This, also, should be kept up not only during this half-year, but through the fourth, fifth, and sixth half-years. In general, the *special phonetic preparation* already prescribed for each lesson, will cover the requirement under

this head; but whenever the number of phonetic words used in the said preparation falls below thirty, the difference should be made up by the use of additional phonetic words.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 36.

NEW PHONOGRAM: ä.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

äḥ, ärk, äṇt, bärber, bärgain, bärk, bärn, cäḷf, cär, cärd, cärgo, cärpĕt, cärt, crōẉbär, därk, därn, fär, fäther, gärter, häḷf, härd, härk, härness, hɸärt, lärd, hurrä, lärgɸ, läṇndrў, mammä, märblɸ, märch, märkĕt, papä, pärk, pärslɸў, pärsnip, pärt, pärtў, päth, rḥụbärb, scär, scärf, scärlet, shärk, shärp, smärt, spärklɸ, stär, stärch, stärlight, stärvɸ, tärdў, tärget, tärt.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 37.

NEW PHONOGRAM: å.

Like ä, but less broad and pronounced more in the mouth.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ădvånçɸ, åfter, alås, åsk, banänå, båskĕt, båss, Blånchɸ, blåst, bråndh, bråss, cåsk, cåster, chåff, chånçɸ, clåsp, clåss, dånçɸ, dråft, fåsṭɸn, flåsk, Fråncɸ, gåsp, glånçɸ, glåss, gråsp, håsp, lånçɸ, låss, låst, måsk, måss, måst, måster, nåstў, over cåst, pånt, påss, påst, påstīmɸ, plåster, råft, råsp, slånt, ståff, tåsk, våst.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 38.

New Phonograms: ăr, ĕr, ẽar, ĭr, ŏr, and ŭr.[1]

Pronounce like ir in sir or girl. These six characters, representing one and the same sound, may be taught almost as easily as one, if the attention of the scholars is called to the fact that every one begins with a wave-marked (~) letter and ends with an r.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăn ĕl/ŏr, bĭrth-day, bŭrn, chŭrch, chŭrn, çĭrclɸ, çĭreus, conçĕrt, eŭrly, dēsĕrvɸ, dĭrt, dŏctŏr, ẽarly, ẽarn, ẽarth, fĭrst, fŭrnaçɸ, hĕard, hẽarsɸ, hŭrt, jʊ̆̄rnɸў, kĕrnɸl, lantĕrn, lẽarn, môrtăr, mustărd, ôrchărd, pärlc̄ pattĕrn, pẽarl, pĕrch, pĕrfĕct, pŏplăr, pŭr, pŭrplɸ, pŭrsɸ, sailŏr, sĕrvɸ, çĕllăr, sel/ŏlăr, sẽarch, sĭr, skĭrt, stĭr, tailŏr, thĭrd, thĭrstў, thĭrtēɸn, thĭrtў, Thŭrsday, tōwărd, tŭrkɸў, tŭrn, tŭrnip, tŭrtlɸ, wŏrd, wŏrld, wŏrm, wŏrst, wŏrth.

[1] Most lexicographers maintain that the sound of *u* before *r* differs from that of *i* or *e* in the same position. So far as the people of this country are concerned, the author respectfully dissents from that opinion. He has listened for years to the speech of cultivated Americans, with the special object of deciding the point, and has found little or nothing to support the claims of the lexicographers. Almost every one gives exactly the same vowel sound in *term*, *firm*, and *turn*. In the use of any one of the combinations *er*, *ir*, and *ur*, however, *shades* of difference occur. For instance, few persons give exactly the same vowel sound in *sir* and *girl*. But these *shades* of difference it would be impossible to represent by different marking.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 39.

NEW PHONOGRAM: ȯ.

Pronounced exactly like ŭ.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

a mȯn̲g̲, be lȯv ed, bl̲ȯ̸d, cȯl ȯr, cȯmf̸ȯrt, cȯmpass, cȯv er, cȯvĕt, dis̲cȯv er, dȯn̸̲, dȯv̸, flĕsh-cȯl ȯr, flȯ̸d, flȯ̸̇rish, frȯnt, gl̲ȯv̸, grandsȯn, hȯn̸̲y̆, hȯn̸̲y̆-cōm̸̊, lȯv̸, lȯv̸ly, Mȯn day, mȯn̸̲y̆, mȯn̲k̸y̆, mȯn̲th, nȯn̸̲, nȯth ing, ȯv̸n, pôrpȯ̸̇s̸, rēcȯv er, shȯv̸, shȯv̸l, sȯmer sĕt, sȯn, spȯn̲g̸̲, stĕp sȯn, stȯmaċ̸̊, thȯrōu̸g̸̲̊, tȯn, tȯn̲g̲ü̸̸, tŭrtl̸̊dȯv̸, un cȯv er, un dȯn̸̲, wȯn, wȯnder, wȯnderful, wȯrrў.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 40.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: oi and oy.

Pronounce a̤ē, blending the two sounds closely.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

a hoy, an noy, ăppoint, a void, boil, boisterȯus, broil, bṳoy, choiç̸, coil, coin, dēstroy, doily, ĕmploy, ĕnjoy, g̃ŭmboil, hoist, join, joint, jointed, joist, joy, joyful, joyfully, loin, loiter, moist, noiṣ̸, noiṣ̆ly, noiṣ̆y, oil,

oilў, over joyɸd, oyster, pärboil, point, pointer, poiṣon, poiṣonɸus, rējoiçɸ, Roy, royal, sĭrloin, soil, spoil, tin-foil, toilet, toil, toilsome, toy, uncoil, voiçɸ, voyaġɸ.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 41.

New Phonograms: ū, ēw, and ure.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

abūṣɸ, ăccūṣɸ, amūṣɸ, ärgūɸ, ăvenūɸ, bɸāūtĭful, blēw, blūɸ, būglɸ, cūbɸ, cūpolà, eure, cūrĭɸus, dēw, dispūtɸ, dūring, dūtў, ĕndure, ēwɸ, failure, fēw, fĭgure, flūtɸ, fūneral, glūɸ, hūġɸ, Janūarў, Jūlў, Jūnɸ, mēw, mūçilaġɸ, mūlɸ, mūṣēum, mŭṣic, pàsture, pēwter, pēw, picture, plūmɸ, prōcure, pūpil, pure, rēfūṣɸ, salūtɸ, statūɸ, stēw, stūpĭd, sūĭt, tôrture, tūbɸ, Tūɸṣday, tūlip, tūnɸ, ūṣɸ, ūsɸful.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 42.

New Phonograms: âr, âir, êar, and êir.

These four characters, representing one and the same sound, may be taught almost as easily as one, if the attention of the scholars is called to fact that every one begins with a caret (^) marked letter and ends with an r.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

âir, arm-chair, bârɸ, bârɸfoɸt, bêar, be wârɸ, bŭg-bêar, cârɸ, cârɸful, cârɸfully, cârɸless, chair, dârɸ, dēclârɸ, fâir, fâirў, fârɸ, fârɸwell, flârɸ, glârɸ, hâir, hâir-brŭsh, härdwârɸ, hârɸ, hârɸ-bĕll, horse hâir, mârɸ, nightmârɸ, out wêar, pâir, pârɸ, pârent, pêar, prēpârɸ, rârɸ, rēpâir, seârçɸ, seârçɸly, seârɸ, shârɸ, snârɸ, spârɸ, spârɸrĭb, stâir, stârɸ, swêar, tail-bêarer, têar, thêir, thrĕɸdbârɸ, unfâir, wêar.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 43.

New Phonograms: x, ex, and ex.

Pronounced, respectively, ks, ĕks, and ĕgz.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

āpex, ăxlɸ, ăxlɸ-trēɸ, band-bŏx, beɸs-wăx, betwĭxt, bŏx, cālўx, cōɸx, exăct, examineɸ, examplɸ, exçĕpt, exchāngɸ, exçītɸ, excūsɸ, exerçīsɸ, exĕrt, exist, expĕct, explāĭn, explōdɸ, expōsɸ, express, fĭx, flăx, fŏx, hexagon, index, lўnx, mĭx, mĭxture, next, onўx, ŏx, ŏxɸn, pickăx, sextɸn, sĭx, sĭxpɸnçɸ, sĭxtēɸn, sĭxth, sĭxtў, smallpŏx, snŭff-bŏx, tăx, unfĭx, vĕx, vĭxɸn, wăx, wăx-work.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 44.

New Phonograms: q and qu.

Pronounced, respectively, k and koo. In using the latter in words, shorten oo to the point of suppression.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăqquāint, ăqquīrq, ăqquāinted, ăqquit, bedquilt, bănquĕt, eŏnqver, eōqvĕttq, ēarthquākq, ēqual, inquīrq, lĭquĭd, lĭqvŏr, ŏblīqvq, ōpāqvq, quăck, quail, quart, quartĕr, quēqn, quēqr, quĕnch, quick, quickly, quĭĕt, quill, quilt, quinçq, quīnīnq, quīrq, quit, quītq, quĭver, quoit, rēquest, rēquīrq, squaw, squēqk, squēql, squint, squĭrm, squĭrrĕl, squĭrt, unēqual.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 45.

New Phonogram: z.

Pronounce with a strong vocal buzz.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

băptīzq, blāzq, brāzqn, brēqzq, bronzq, bŭzz, eăpsīzq, crāzў, dăzzlq, dĭzzў, dōzq, drĭzzlq, Ēlīza, fĭzz, fĭzzlq, frēqzq, frĭzzlq, frōzq, frōzqn, fŭzz, fŭzzў, gavzq, gāzq,

glāzȩ́, grāzȩ́, grĭzzlў, hāzў, hụzzä, lĭzārd, lŏzȩ́ngȩ́, māĭzȩ́, mŭzzlȩ́, ọ̆ȯzȩ́, pĭăzzȧ, prīzȩ́, pŭzzlȩ́, rāzōr, sēȧ-brēȩ́zȩ́, sēĭzȩ́, sīzȩ́, snēȩ́zȩ́, snọ̆ȯzȩ́, squēȩ́zȩ́, tweȩ́zers, whēȩ́zȩ́, zēbrȧ, zērō, zĭgzăg̃, zĭne.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 46.

New Phonograms: y and ĭ.

The sound represented by these two phonograms cannot be given alone. It is that peculiar slide or twist that occurs between long e and any other vowel when we attempt to pass from the former to the latter without stopping. We therefore teach the children to call it ē, but in words to smother or shorten the vowel part to the point of suppression.

See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ănxĭȩ́us, be yond, bunĭon, Chrĭstĭan, clōthĭĕr, côrdĭal, Danĭel, glāzĭĕr, hōsĭĕr, Indĭan, lạẘyĕr, lēȧpyēȧr, millĭon, ȯnĭon, ōpinĭon, pāvĭĕr, Russĭan, Sāvĭŏr, sēnĭŏr, Spanĭārd, spanĭel, stăllĭon, ūnĭon, un yīēld ing, un yōkȩ́, vērmilĭon, vinȩ́yārd, Yănkēȩ́, yärd, yärn, yạẘn, yē, yēȧr, yēȧr ly, yēȧst, yĕll, yĕllōẘ, yĕt, yeẉ, yīēld, yōkȩ́, yōlk, yonder, yȩ́ŭngȩ́, yȩ́ŭngĕr, yȩ́ŭngest, yȩ́ŭngster.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 47.

NEW PHONOGRAM: ą.

Pronounce exactly like ŏ.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

chąps, quąlĭtў, quąrrĕl, seąllop, squąb, squąb blȼ, squall, squąnder, squąsh, squąt, swąb, swąllōẅ, swąmp, swąmpў, swąn, swąp, wąd, wądded, wądding, wąddlȼ, wąfflȼ, wąl let, wąllōẅ, wąlnŭt, wąlrus, wąmpŭm, wąn, wąnd, wąnder, wąrrĕn, wąsh, wąshbōȺrd, wąsh er, wąsh er wọman, wąsp, wątch, wątch er, wątch ful, wątch man, whītȼwąsh, wĭgwąm, yąȼht.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 48.

NEW PHONOGRAM: ę.

Pronounce exactly like ā.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

bọ\qu\ęt, ęonvęy, crōqu\ęt, disōbęy, frę/ght, gręy, gręy hound, hęy, nę/gh, nę/gh bōr, nę/gh bōrhọȺd, nę/gh bōrly, ōbęy, out wę/gh, pręy, rę/gn, rę/n, rę/ndēȺr, skę/n, slę/gh, vę/l, vę/n, wę/gh, wę/ght, wę/ghtў, whęy.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 49.

NEW PHONOGRAM: ï.

Pronounce exactly like ē.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

fatïg↿ɸ, măgazïnɸ, marïnɸ, merïno, pōlïçɸ, trïō, valïsɸ.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 50.

NEW PHONOGRAMS: ph and gh.

Pronounce exactly like f.
See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

camphŏr, çīpher, cô↿gh, dŏlphin, drå↿ght, ēnò↿gh, hŷphĕn, lä↿gh, lä↿ghter, nĕphēw, ôrphan, pamphlet, phāetøn, phĕ↿s↿ant, Philip, phlĕgm, phlŏx, phōnĕtic, phўsic, rò↿gh ly, sphērɸ, sphĭnx, sŭlphŭr, tò↿gh, tò↿ghɸn, trô↿gh, tўphoid, whoop ing-cô↿gh.

PHONETIC LIST NO. 51.

New Phonograms: ⟨cl⟩, ⟨ce⟩, ⟨sl⟩, ⟨se⟩, and ⟨tl⟩.

Pronounce sh. See remark on the use of suffixes on page 35.

ăctĭon, ăddĭtĭon, ăffĕctĭon, ăfflictĭon, āncĭent, attĕntĭon, ąuietĭon, eąuĭtĭon, eąuĭtĭous, eonditĭon, dēlĭcĭous, excūrsĭon, fērōcĭous, frictĭon, grācĭous, lŭscĭous, märtĭal, mĕntĭon, mōtĭon, mūsĭcĭan, nātĭon, nąuseous, notĭon, pärtĭal, ōceąn, ōmĭssĭon, păssĭon, pātĭencę, pātĭent, pĕnsĭon, permĭssĭon, phỹsĭcĭan, pōrtĭon, pōsĭtĭon, prĕcĭous, rēlātĭon, spācĭous, spĕcĭal, stātĭon, suspĭcĭon, suspĭcĭous, vāeātĭon, vexātĭon, vexātĭous, vĭcĭous.

SPELLING AND THE ALPHABET.

During the second and third half-years, spelling should be taught by *two* methods, the *sentence* method already described (pp. 29–31), and a method which, for want of a better name, may be called the *series method.*

The sentence method should deal with homonyms (see page 31) and all other useful words that do not occur in phonetic series of three or more. By its use, the scholars should learn to spell from a hundred to a hundred and fifty words during the half-year.

The series method, which combines in a wonderfully effective way eye perception with ear perception, should deal with all words (except homonyms) that occur in phonetic series of three or more. A good teacher, after a little experience, will easily teach by this method, during the second half-year, at least two hundred words in addition to those she teaches by the other method.

By a *phonetic series* of words is meant a series in which there is an element, nearly always compound, common to all the words, but preceded in each by a different consonant or combination of consonants.

Examples: — *ill, bill, chill, drill, fill,* etc.; — *at, bat, cat, chat, fat, flat,* etc.; — *brine, dine, fine, line, mine,* etc.; — *fun, gun, run, sun, shun, spun,* etc.

The following is a description of the series method: —

The teacher first selects a complete series of words. From this series she strikes out: — 1. All homonyms. 2. Every word containing any letter which the scholars have not yet learned as a phonogram. 3. Every word which the scholars would not understand in conversation.

She next teaches the *names* of all the *letters* found in the series when thus revised.

The scholars being thus prepared for the work, the teacher writes upon the blackboard the element common to the series, which may be either a simple word like *old* or a meaningless combination like *ine,* and has the scholars read it. In this presentation she uses diacritical marks if neces-

sary; but in case she does so, she erases the element as soon as it has been read, and, immediately rewriting it unmarked, requires it to be read again. The lesson then proceeds *without marks* in this fashion, the common element being, let us say, *ine:*—

T. Now, children, what do you say this is?

Ch. Ine.

T. Close your eyes. (Children obey.) Now those who remember now *ine* looks, show hands. (Children obey.) Open your eyes and write *ine* without looking at the blackboard. (As soon as the children have done this, the teacher makes a rapid inspection of their slates or papers to make sure that all have copied the element correctly, a right beginning being absolutely essential to success. If she finds any that have not, she simply erases what they have written, and tells them to look better and write again. No further inspection is made until the end of the lesson.)

T. (Returning to blackboard) What is this on the blackboard?

Ch. Ine.

T. (Prefixing an *f*) Now what have I made of it?

Ch. Fine.

T. Close your eyes. (Children obey.) Those who remember how *fine* looks, show hands. (Children obey.) Open your eyes and write *fine* without looking at the blackboard. (While the children are writing the teacher erases the *f*.)

T. What have I here now?

Ch. Ine.

T. (Prefixing an *l*) And what now?

Ch. Line.

T. Close your eyes. (Children obey.) Who remembers how *line* looks? (Children raise hands.) Open your eyes and write *line* without looking at the blackboard. (While this is being done the teacher erases the *l*.)

T. What do you now see on the blackboard?

Ch. Ine.

T. (Prefixing an *m*) And what now?

Ch. Mine.

T. Close your eyes. (Children obey.) Who remembers how *mine* looks? (Children show hands.) Open your eyes and write it without looking up,—etc., etc., etc.

Having had the entire series, or as much of it as she deems sufficient for a lesson, written in this way, the teacher next, as a drill upon letter names, lets some scholar who has written all the words correctly, spell them aloud from the slate or paper, while the others, listening, make a cross at the end of each one they have spelled correctly. She then has the words erased (if on a slate) or turned down (if on paper), and proceeds to test her work by dictating them in a different order and without any blackboard accompaniment.[1] This generally closes the lesson, though some teachers will doubtless prefer to go a step farther and close with a quick exercise in the oral spelling[2] of the words.

Of course, words taught in this way, like words taught in any other way, that the knowledge may be retained, must be frequently reviewed. It follows also, that in sentences prepared for dictation to the class, these words must have representation as well as the words taught by the sentence method.

It must be evident to the least thoughtful, that the series method of teaching spelling will strongly reinforce the work done in reading; for the common element that runs through a series of words, having been carefully and repeatedly studied during the spelling exercise, will thereafter be readily recognized by most of the pupils as a compound phonogram, and will therefore serve as an additional "short cut" to word recognition.

In teaching spelling by the series method, the work should be carefully graded as regards the lengths of the words. A series in which the common

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[1] The author has lately given many lessons like the foregoing to Brooklyn classes in their second half-year. In few cases where the *first* half-year's phonetic work had been well done did the number of words misspelled on the test above mentioned, exceed one or two per cent.

[2] Observe that this is not oral spelling in the ordinary sense, where the exercise is a drill in ear recollection exclusively. In this oral spelling, there having been no memorizing by oral repetition of letters, the effort is to get at the letters by remembering how the word looked. The exercise is therefore mainly, if not wholly, one in visual recollection.

element contains three letters should on no account be used while there remains as yet unused a series of equally useful words in which the common element contains but two letters.

Toward the end of the third half-year after the scholars have learned all the letters by name, they should be taught to say them in their alphabetical order. The reasons for this are too obvious to require statement.

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